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Jack Devine

DPW employee Ray LaFlamme works on a fire hydrant on Raleigh Street Tuesday morning. The recent January thaw has been welcome relief to Ray and the rest of his DPW colleagues.

"January Thaw" Makes Life Easier For Pressed DPW

By Stephen Gazillo

This week's break from the record cold temperatures of the '80-'81 winter should make life a little easier for Agawam's Department of Public Works. According to DPW Superintendent John Stone, the severe cold has kept his department busy trying to thaw frozen water lines.

Stone said the DPW has had to deal with an average of ten to twelve frozen water lines a day since December.

"The copper pipes that run from the main water line to the meter in a person's house can sometimes freeze up, especially with the cold weather we've been having," Stone explained.

In spite of a warming trend, the problem is not likely to subside overnight. DPW general foreman Harvey Cusson said it takes more than a few days of warmer temperatures to warm up rock hard ground. Cusson said the area around Suffield, Mill, and Garden Streets have given the most problems this year.

Stone explained that the problem can often be attributed to upgrading of the roads, which leaves some of the pipes closer to the surface after work is finished.

Unfreezing the pipes can take anywhere from one hour to 18 hours, depending on how long and how much has been frozen, said Cusson.

Both Stone and Cusson agreed that this has not been the worst winter they have seen. Cusson said he remembers the winters of 1961 and 1978 as being extremely cold and troublesome for the DPW.

In other DPW news, this year's expenditures for salt on the roads, snow plowing, and overtime work due to harsh weather conditions are up considerably over last year, according to Stone.

To put chemicals and sand on Agawam's roads this winter has cost \$19,284 up to January 16th, Stone related period. He pointed that the same period last year cost the town \$13,161. The total spent last year for chemicals and sand was \$22,892.

As for plowing the streets, last year at this time the town had spent nothing. Already this year, the trucks have had to roll three times at a cost of \$15,377. The total cost for snowplows last year was \$15,721.

"We only had two snowstorms the entire winter last year," Stone said in explaining why the costs were so low.

The town has spent \$7,500 so far this year for overtime work due to poor weather conditions, compared to last year's \$2,130 for the same time period. Last year's total overtime cost was \$8,797.

Stone said only about 10% of the cost increase is due to inflation; most of the increase is due strictly to tougher weather conditions this winter.

Budget Review Begins... School Board Closes Danahy

By Joanne Brown

At their meeting last Tuesday, the School Committee formally voted to close Danahy School as the first step in paring down an '81-'82 budget submitted for \$7,548,018. The closing will be effective June 30th.

Following guidelines set forth in a master plan devised by the former Enrollment Studies Committee, the committee unanimously approved closing the school on a 7-0 vote. No other school was recommended to be closed.

Superintendent of Schools Louis Hebert explained his recommendation saying, "We do not believe closing Danahy will cause adverse educational effects at this time, but the same cannot be said for closing Peirce or any other school. Danahy is being recommended to close in accordance with declining enrollment, not specifically because of Proposition 2½." Follow-up consequences to closing the school, undecided at this time, may include the elimination of one principal, one secretary, and five teaching positions. One teaching position will be retained to balance class sizes as the 84 students who will remain at the elementary level are shifted to other schools.

The tentative plan for absorbing Danahy students now calls for sending those who reside in the shopping center area to Phelps; those who live in the immediate vicinity of Danahy to Robinson; and those from Feeding Hills to Granger.

School Business Manager James Coon indicated that shifting the students in such a manner will eventually reunite siblings in the same school.

Budget Review Begins

In submitting for the School Committee's consideration a budget of \$7,548,018, Hebert noted that the figures reflect total requests from personnel with very few administrative cuts already included. Prior to conducting a general overview of the total budget, he pointed out that the format of the budget is somewhat different from past years with more detail provided.

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Once Around The Park Please...



Peter Webster of Agawam enjoys a sleigh ride during recent competition at Twin Maple Farms on North West Street in Feeding Hills. Despite the lack of snow recently, it was an enjoyable day for all. Photo by Jack Devine.

Congratulations

To Agawam High's
3-Time Winners On
Schools Match Wits

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Coon stated that figures are based on a projected overall evaluation estimate of \$450 million.

"We do not yet know for sure what the tax levy will be, but the Town Council has indicated it will use this figure, and I think it will prove to be close to the actual mark," Coon declared.

Both Hebert and Coon concurred in the conviction that the School Committee should budget "optimistically" while establishing priorities should they find the need to go further.

Hebert commended principals for submitting austere budget requests, and, in fact, noted that in some cases he judged accounts too austere, as in the case of one textbook account to which he added funds.

"Because of the austere requests submitted, this proposed budget was able to swallow over \$400,000 in previously negotiated salary increases," Hebert remarked to the board. "If the requests had not come in pared down considerably from last year, the budget submitted to you would be much higher than it is."

Among those few cuts administration made prior to bringing the budget to the committee were professional staff reductions of one Junior High physical education teacher, the audio/visual supervisor, and the Work Study supervisor.

The Distributive Education program at Agawam High was eliminated along with substantial reductions in the budget requests for Home Economics, Audio/Visual, athletics, library, and band.

Coon said that at this point no sports program had been eliminated, though they had cut an additional \$17,148 from the requested funds.

Included again for consideration were three internal suspension room aides for a total amount of \$12,150. Food service, field trips, and summer programs to be self-supporting, and one part-time secretary at the Junior High was cut out.

Budget Hearings To Be Held Weekly

The School Committee determined to meet each Tuesday evening to conduct budget review, alternating total budget discussions with regular meetings at which time for budget consideration would be included.

The sub-committee established on budget will meet only periodically to seek community input as specific items come up for discussion. Sub-committee chairperson Rosemary Sandlin reiterated the purpose of this group as one designed to open lines of communication with the public.

Cold Winter No Problem For Town Buildings

By Stephen Gazillo

The Town of Agawam suffered no severe damage during the bitter cold spell that swept the area over the holidays thanks to Superintendent of School Maintenance J. Louis Miodowski and the custodians who survey the town's public buildings.

"While the rest of the town was celebrating Christmas and New Year's, we were out working, watching our school system daily, checking to make sure there were no freeze ups," Miodowski said.

Neighboring towns like Chicopee, Westfield, and Springfield were hit hard during the extremely cold weather, some suffering six digit losses because of water damage due to frozen pipes in their schools and municipal buildings.

Miodowski's efforts to protect town property over the holidays reflect his overall approach in trying "to save townspeople their tax dollars."

Last September, he received an award on behalf of the town from Governor King for distinguished efforts in energy conservation.

The creation of the Energy Conservation Commission in Agawam in 1974, a group of which Miodowski is a member, has worked out very well, according to School Committee Chairman Walter Balboni.

"I don't know of many communities that have taken the lead from us in energy conservation," Balboni indicated.

"We are recognized as having one of the best energy programs in the state," Miodowski related.

Miodowski has been serving as superintendent of school maintenance for 11 years, and since he first took over, the town's schools have reduced their consumption of oil from 480,000 gallons from the period of January to December, 1970 to only 186,543 gallons during the same period last year. What is remarkable is the steady decrease each year, even when the number of degree days which are used to measure how cold a winter is increased.

Miodowski attributes the success to continuous efforts to conserve at all levels. Some of the things he said that have been done over the last ten years include the following:



Lou Miodowski, superintendent of school maintenance, and maintenance employee Gene Gregory look over burners at Junior High School.

1) Changing the entry ways at some of the schools to reduce the chilling effect of open doors. At Robinson Park School, for example, children enter the school through the enclosed cafeteria, which keeps the rest of the school from getting drafts of cold air.

2) Weather stripping almost all the windows in the schools and taking measures to weather strip the doors

3) Reducing the temperature of hot water in the schools from 140 degrees to 105 degrees

4) Adding night-day control thermostats which automatically reduce the temperatures in the buildings when they're not in use

5) Perhaps the greatest single achievement was the recent conversion of the schools' oil burners to dual-purpose burners that can take either oil or natural gas. This cost the town \$60,000 with a one-year payback, according to Miodowski. There could be as much as a 200-300 percent savings because of this conversion.

Commenting on the recent gas shortage in the state which led all schools using natural gas to shut down for a few days under orders from Governor King, Miodowski said it had no real effect on Agawam. Schools in town were closed last Friday, not because of the shortage, but because of a plan set in motion last year to shut down on certain days to conserve energy.

Miodowski said the real advantage of the dual-purpose burner is that it gives him the option of burning the fuel that is least expensive at any given time.

Balboni cautioned that even though tonnage and gallonage of fuel used by the town have been greatly reduced, costs will still go up.

Miodowski predicts the cost to provide heat, light, and power to the town's nine schools, the public library, and the town hall will increase by about 25 percent over last year. This is largely due to the extreme cold, but inflation is also taking its toll.

"We're running even on the amount of electricity we've been using compared to last year, but we're 30 percent over last year's cost because of the newly-added fuel charge," he said.

"We feel, because of the long range planning we have done, that we're in excellent position as far as our heating equipment is concerned," he added.

Short Takes

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Warning To Snowmobilers: Stay Off Town Property



In a joint release, the Parks and Police Department have warned snowmobile enthusiasts to stay off town property with their vehicles. Apparently, some snowmobilers got carried away last week when they cut open the fence at the recently renovated high school grounds and rode their snowmobiles through. According to Parks Department Director Jack Kunasek, his office cannot determine possible damage until the spring months. Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski promised that his department will take severe action to prosecute those apprehended snowmobiling on town property. Photo by Jack Devine.

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Revaluation Poses Problems For Upcoming Town Budget

Town Manager Richard Bowen told School Committee members and Town Councilors Monday that the formula for assembling the fiscal 1981-82 municipal budget may be based on a revaluation figure of \$450 million.

Informed Estimates

Bowen said the revaluation figures for the community's total value was based upon "informed estimates" for budgetary purposes.

Bowen warned that if the re-valuation figures, which in all likelihood may not be available until after the budget has been set, are far lower than projected, the council will have to take a firm position on where additional budget cuts are needed.

The town is currently assessed at \$203 million. According to Bowen, the town would be meet real estate tax requirements as prescribed by Proposition 2 1/2 at the \$450 million figure.

"At that figure there would be no significant reductions in the budget since there would be no significant reductions in the tax revenue coming into Town Hall," Bowen told councilors and school board members at the joint session between the two elected bodies.

Bowen also said that if the revaluation figure reaches the \$500 million mark, surplus funds would be available for the community.

According to the manager, the town's residential revaluation may be clarified by March but commercial and industrial revaluations will remain completely unclear until the late summer.

Take A Position

He told councilors if that becomes the case, the council must decide whether to apply the funds back into the budget to ease the burden of projected program and service cuts equally between the School Department and Town Hall or to possibly apply the money to the tax rate as suggested by some councilors in recent interviews with the *Advertiser/News*.

Councilor Richard Theroux advised Bowen to meet with Council President Paul M. Fieldstad to forward recommendations to the council to establish a concrete policy to prepare for several of the problems that may occur due to the uncertainty of the revaluation.

Said he, "I think the council should take a position on what we will do if the numbers change. All elected officials have to deal with this, and I am in favor of doing it together (with the School Committee)."

Several councilors have privately indicated that if surplus funds are available that they would favor using it to reduce the tax rate.

School Department officials have cut \$167,390 from this year's budget to combat the impact of lost revenue from car excise taxes.

School officials, according to an agreement with the council, need to cut an additional \$130,000 from this year's budget.

At this point, the council has not made any cuts to offset projected car excise tax losses of nearly \$600,000 for the current fiscal year.

Bowen is expected in mid-February to bring to the council his recommendations for slashing \$268,000 from the current fiscal year.

Westfield Savings Bank Gains In Annual Assets

Arthur W. Knapp, chairman of the board and president of the Westfield Savings Bank, recently announced that total assets at fiscal year end were \$152.7 million, a gain of \$10.2 million over the previous year.

Stating that the past year was a good one for Westfield Savings, Knapp told the corporators that the coming year could be an interesting one with many new faces guiding the country in Washington, D.C.

Knapp noted that most of the continued savings deposit growth was in the area of high interest certificates. He indicated that small investors are taking advantage of this method of saving.

He also pointed out that the bank is now writing insured home improvement loans for more people who have turned to energy-savings programs or who have decided to add on to their homes rather than move to a larger one.

Trustees re-elected to 3-year terms were Calvin Arnold, George Brooks, Horace Fuller, William Klein, and Harry Lane. Knapp was re-elected chairman of the board and president; Thomas Howard Jr., vice president and treasurer; Donald Williams, vice president and mortgage officer; and Attorney Horace Fuller, clerk of the corporation.

Re-elected to the auditing committee were Harry Lane, George Brooks, and Attorney Philip Smith.

Elected Officials Must "Live-Up-To" 2 1/2 - Fieldstad

Town Council President Paul M. Fieldstad today said that the council must take immediate action once Town Manager Richard J. Bowen releases proposals for some \$268,000 in municipal budget cuts to offset the impact of Proposition 2 1/2 in this years budget.

Fieldstad said today that the projected loss in car excise tax, totalling some \$600,000 for the current fiscal year, must be met "head-on" by the council before "we run into having to make serious decisions for next year's budget with these current cuts hanging over our heads."

According to the council president, each elected board must "live-up to its obligations to Proposition 2 1/2 and cut their budgets accordingly."

The council and school department last month agreed to a 51 percent-49 percent responsibility in sharing the car excise tax loss for the current fiscal year.

At press time, School Department has axed \$167,390 from their share of a \$297,390 total agreed-upon cut. Several councilors, including councilor Alfred Serra, were skeptical of the School Department's failure to cut the entire figure.

Serra said at Monday's joint workshop session between the two elected groups, "What bothers me is that if the School Department cannot eliminate another \$130,000, how will they make the bigger cuts for next year's budget?"

Fieldstad said the School Department "has at least shown some movement and progress towards reaching their agreed-upon goal while the council has shown no movement at all."

Fieldstad said that the council must take the initiative once Bowen forwards his proposals to combat the loss of car excise revenue and that the School Committee "must follow suit."

"I think it's clear that both elected bodies have a mandate from the people of the Commonwealth and this community and as far as I'm concerned both groups will cut their budgets to the limits that Proposition 2 1/2 calls for."



Samantha
READS YOUR STARS

If you were born this week: The same old routine quickly becomes boring to you. You relish the new, different and unexpected. You have many casual acquaintances and friends, but tell your innermost thoughts to very, very few. You may find it easier to commit yourself to a cause than to a person.

ARIES (3-21/4-19): You tend to live mainly for today, Aries. This is a fine time, however, to plan long-range goals and to begin working toward them. And, don't forget the details! Someone tells the unvarnished truth before week is out.

TAURUS (4-20/5-20): A number of routine matters may seem to be proceeding only at a snail's pace. Instead of becoming frustrated, Taurus, turn your energies to other areas. Days also hold a few gasps, one or two snorts, and a delightful grin.

GEMINI (5-21/6-20): A certain affair of the heart may require careful consideration, Gem. Knowing when to tug or when to give looser rein to those ties that bind can be very important. Look to the past for the key, sweetheart.

MOONCHILD (6-21/7-22): You have things to take care of that you'd really like to avoid or ignore. Keep your head out of the sand, Moonbaby. No, you can't leave town. And I don't hear anyone calling you — except duty, of course. Hop to it.

LEO (7-23/8-22): If you listen to everyone else this week, Leo, you'll soon be as confused as they are. You are your own best counsel. Mate-lover requires a bit of patience on your part, too. Go buy yourself a bunch of blossoms, babe!

VIRGO (8-23/9-22): A certain course of action may appear logically correct, Virgo, but your gut instinct could be saying no. Heed it, angel. Watch for a shocking piece of news and a visitor. Happily, week finishes with lots of lovin'!

LIBRA (9-23/10-23): Don't be in any hurry to make decisions this week. (Bet you never thought you'd see me telling YOU that, dear vacillating Libby!) Conditions around personal decisions are unsettled now and sweeping action may be premature.

SCORPIO (10-24/11-22): Avoid conversations about ancient history, Scorp. Dredging up the past is not particularly constructive in this case. Do give home and family matters your special attention and look for a little loot to arrive.

SAGITTARIUS (11-23/12-21): You're warm, open, friendly, true-blue, etc., etc., and you're also a wee tad gullible. Therefore, Saj dear, take a hard second look at any requests for your money or your talents. Do this and week ends on a high note.

CAPRICORN (12-22/1-19): One who has the say-so may be saying quite a bit in the coming week, Cappy. Try to roll with the static and extra hassle and don't take it personally. Days include a surprising friend, a whistle and a flirtatious fling.

AQUARIUS (1-20/2-19): Brush up old skills 'til they're shiny-bright, Aquari. Sure, it may take practice, but you know what they say about practice making perfect. 'Tis true! Do call time out to celebrate your birthday and make your wish.

PISCES (2-20/3-20): A joint effort may show more in the way of competition than cooperation. Watch for one who'd like to hog the limelight and just be sure that your own light doesn't get hidden by any bushels. Later, it's a party. Yippee!

Tax Topics

By Abbett Tax Service

Before you finalize the terms of a buy/sell agreement on sale of property make sure the payment provisions will meet your cash needs.

While under the influence of "sales-mania," many sellers have a tendency to deal themselves a bad turn. Unless you look at the longterm consequences of your contract (contract for deed, mortgage, deed of trust), you could find yourself short of cash shortly after the sale.

Most sellers will put forth an effort to see that they are getting a fair price for their property. On the other hand, they will agree to a very unfavorable interest rate, a low down payment and a lengthy pay-off schedule.

The payments on the contract may not satisfy the seller's needs. If he then chooses to sell his contract, the unfavorable terms will create a substantial discount. Instead of a contract that could possibly be sold for 25% to 30% discount, he may have to discount it as much as 50%.

You can structure your contract to make the payments low enough to satisfy the buyer and still provide you with all of your cash in a reasonably short number of years. If the buyer can afford payments on a twenty year schedule, let the payments be determined on that basis. You can, however, specify that all of the unpaid balance is due maybe five or ten years from the date of sale.

In the normal course of events, inflation will increase the property value and the buyer will have equity in the contract over a period of five years. He should find it reasonably easy to refinance the property and cash you out as required by your "balloon payment date."

Below average terms in a contract can be as costly to you as under-pricing the property. If you are unfamiliar with negotiating the terms in a contract, seek professional assistance.

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For Senior Citizens... New Beginnings

By Rita White

Somewhere along the line, this land of ours has become AMERICA, THE LAND OF THE DISPOSABLE. Disposable diapers, disposable bottles, disposable cloths, you name it, the list is endless. Someone even tried putting Senior Citizens on the list. Due to the post-war baby boom, a very young generation was in the majority. True to form, these young people thought they knew it all, that they could run their own world. It seemed no one needed the elderly anymore. The elderly were forgotten. But the elderly were not to be put aside so easily. Groups such as the GREY PANTHERS sprang up and the elderly fought for their rights. While there is still a long way to go to ensure the happiness and good health for us as we advance in years, there are some favorable statistics. Between 1970 and the turn of the century 19 years from now, the population of those over 60 will double. This isn't just here in America, but it is a worldwide happening.

You should be aware of this. You should know that the elderly make up a large voting block. The elderly can be a very powerful force if they take an interest in and participate in the events that will decide their future. So keep in touch with policy-making issues that affect your lives, never hesitate to write your congressman or representative. Remind them that you are part of the voting public and that united you can also decide his future. There are many groups that work for the rights of the elderly. Join one and speak for your own future.

One of the reasons for man's increased longevity has been science and the application of medication. Many of us are on medication for some reason or other. And I'm sure many of us take our prescriptions home and put them in the medicine chest in the bathroom. The medicine chest is probably one of the worst places that medicine should be kept. Bathrooms are usually warm and humid, two contributors to the fast decrease in potency of drugs. The only thing that will spoil drugs faster is direct sunlight. So, if you are taking any kind of medication, be sure and keep it in a dry and cool place.

And speaking of medicine, one of the best medicines for keeping the mind alert is a medicine called activity. If you are feeling a little bored or even a lot bored, try some new activity that you've never tried before. Take an art class, get curious, think of something you've always wondered about and go do some research on it. Go back to school and take a course. You'll find plenty of company these days that are in your age group. Start your own discussion group. Maybe a Bible discussion, or a group to discuss politics, how to be good grandparents. Whatever. It is never too late for any of us to learn. You have an example there in your own Senior Center. Those of you who saw the art exhibit of Angela Bachelder know how beautiful her paintings are. The paint brush doesn't know the age of the hand holding it. Age in no way deters from Angela's creativity or desire or ability to paint. Giuseppe Verdi was 80 when he wrote the opera FALSTAFF, and continued writing after that until he was 85. So don't just sit there. How about a "new beginning?"

Birthday greetings go out to Bert Wright. Bert was 88 on January 21st. Bert came to our area 7 years ago from Waltham where he was Superintendent of the Mass. State Welfare Department.

On January 23rd, Eva Szban celebrated her 85th birthday. Eva came to America from Poland in 1912 and spent most of her life in Granby. Three years ago she moved to Agawam to live with one of her daughters.

Eva and Bert share January birthdays with such well known folks as Danny Kaye 1/18/13; Ray Milland 1/03/08; Ann Southern 1/22/12 and Jane Wyman 1/4/14. Names out of the include Albert Schweitzer 1/14/1875 and Carl Sandberg 1/6/1878.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

The Pool Club at the Senior Center wishes to announce that the "Pool Club & Sweethearts" are planning a Valentine's Party. It will be held February 12th at the Polish-American Club starting at 11:00 A.M.. For more details please contact the Senior Center, 786-0400, ext. 242.

I know you all join me in welcoming home our Americans from their ordeal in Iran. If Iran accomplished anything, it was to join all Americans in a common cause, the safety and welfare of those 52 Americans. We wish these 52 a happy and peaceful future.

Remember, this is your column. Let me hear from you. Rita White, 81 Witheridge St., Feeding Hills, 01030. 786-4970.

*I think the sky is a little bluer.
And I know the sun shines stronger.
I feel my blood flow a little faster
As each day grows a little longer,
For spring is on the way.*

Rita White

Angela Bachelder - Artist



Anna Bachelder recently displayed some of her fine work at the Agawam Senior Center. Anna is a well known local artist. Photo by Jack Devine.

Grange Donates Cookbook

By Donna M. Campbell, Chief Librarian

The Agawam Public Library is proud to announce that the Community Grange number 382 of Feeding Hills has donated the lovely new *National Grange Family Cookbook From Country Kitchens: A Collection of Family Tested Recipes From Rural America* to the library. This cookbook has a wide variety of recipes to suit every possible taste. Selections include appetizers, soups, beverages, salads, main dishes, vegetables, side dishes, breads, desserts, family recipes from young folks, men's family favorites, special diabetic recipes, and canning and preserving recipes. Happily, the book is profusely illustrated with many color photographs of mouth watering results from the recipes.

In her forwarding letter, Jenny Grobusky claims, "...we discovered that lots of people are hungry for and appreciate recipes from 'scratch.' ...Most of our

Grange women, born and raised in rural America, still believe country cooking is healthier and more economical...You will find that rarely will you have to make a special trip to the store. Most of the ingredients you already have on your shelves or in your refrigerator."

Finally, this excellent cookbook has helpful equivalent, substitution, and metric conversion charts as well as a good index. The library will include this book in its collection of circulating cookbooks under the number 641.5. Some lucky families will soon be eating winning lasagna, scalloped chicken, pot roast with fresh winter vegetables or some other tasty dish thanks to the Community Grange!

Anyone wishing to purchase a copy of this book may do so by contacting Mrs. Muriel Thayer, Chairman of the Feeding Hills Grange at 786-4016.

Grange Will Meet

Community Grange will meet Tuesday, February 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Grange Home on North West Street.

The program, under the direction of Pauline Sosnowich and her Youth Committee, will feature Richard Allen and Erwin Waskiel to entertain with music and songs.

A social hour will follow with Pauline and Elizabeth Sosnowich in charge of refreshments assisted by Deborah Baruffaldi.

Square Dancers To Meet

The "Gamblers" Square Dance Club will hold its dance Saturday, January 31, 1981, at the Agawam Baptist Church on Main Street from 8-11 p.m.

Jerry Benoit will be the caller for the evening, with mainstream plus and refreshments. All square dancers are welcome.

F.H. Women Set Meeting

The Feeding Hills Women's Club will hold its meeting on February 4th at the Grange Hall on North West Street.

Following the business meeting will be Fun Night with Monte Carlo whist and a Chinese auction.

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Agawam Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski, who served as host along with Safety Officer Alfred Longhi at a meeting of Western Massachusetts Safety Officers Association at the Casa Di Lisa restaurant, congratulates retiring safety officers from neighboring towns. Left to right, Chmielewski, Sgt. Bill Baker, South Hadley; Sgt. Art Bovino, Westfield; Sgt. Ed Jez, East Longmeadow; and Sgt. Longhi, who is this year's president of the organization. Photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Man Named Providence Lab Manager

Steve Spagna of 418 Meadow Street, Agawam, has been named manager of the clinical laboratory of the Providence Hospital, according to Owen F. Connolly, administrator.

In his position, Spagna will work directly for Dr. Benjamin Park, medical director for the laboratory, and will have responsibility for personnel, purchasing, quality control, and budget.

A graduate of Cathedral High School, of the University of Dayton, Ohio, and presently doing graduate work at Western New England College, Spagna is a member of the American Society of Medical Technologists and the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, registered in chemistry.

Spagna is married to the former Kathie Lezon and they have one son, Eric, four months old.

Local Woman Earns Cancer Society Award

Among the awards presented at the annual Unit Awards Meeting of the Greater Springfield branch of the American Cancer Society last Tuesday was one honoring Paula C. Rodier, chairperson of Agawam's House-to-House Campaign for 1979-1980. Agawam exceeded its goal substantially.

Five other awards were granted in addition to the one honoring Agawam, all of which were granted based on population.



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Mothers Of Twins Club Schedules Meeting

The Hampden County Mothers of Twins Club will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, February 2nd at 8 p.m. at the Springfield Association of the Blind office, 910 Liberty Street, Springfield. All mothers of multiples and expectant mothers of twins are welcome.

A home economics coordinator from the Hampden County Extension Service will speak on health, salt and diet. There will be a clothing exchange table and refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Mrs. Kathy Mouchantat, membership chairman, 159 Green Hill Road, Longmeadow.

Town Centers Apply For Joint Grant

The SPAN Counseling Center and the Agawam Youth Center have jointly applied for a grant for drug abuse prevention. The \$9,700 grant will provide for a fulltime staff person for eight months to give drug education in the schools. It would also provide for workshops and films on drug use and abuse, values clarification, peer relationships and other issues of interest to young people. Part of the grant will be used to set a resource library for community use.

This joint venture of SPAN and the Youth Center is the first formal program the agencies have undertaken together. If it is successful, the two agencies are looking forward to working more closely in the future.

Clearinghouse Thanks Unico

Agawam Clearinghouse would like to sincerely apologize to Agawam Unico for inadvertently leaving them off our final list of thank-yous. They were very supportive in financially helping our families through the holiday season. Our most sincere thanks to their organization.

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New Valley Players Present Odd Couple

The New Valley Players will present Neil Simon's comedy hit *The Odd Couple* at the Brass Rail in Southwick beginning February 7th and running through March 7th. Directed by Carol DiNovis, the play will begin each Saturday night at 8:30.

Starring in the production are Richard Volker as Felix and Roger Patnode as Oscar. Both are talented actors who have had leading roles in other local productions. Volker recently received the Best Actor Award at the Community Theatre Association's Drama Festival at StageWest.

This production boasts a fine cast including veteran actors Tom Shea and Bill Kennedy, along with Michael Joseph, Ron Schlagel, Joan Gardner, and Connie Kennedy.

The Odd Couple is being produced by Flo Healy with Lynn Kiepper as stage manager and Liz Meunier, Roz Gowodz as prop and set managers, and Rob Healy on lights.

Dinner and show is \$12.50 with dinner starting at 6 p.m. For reservations, call the Brass Rail at 569-6372.

Chamber Of Commerce Plans Luncheon Meeting

Senator William V. Roth Jr. (R, Delaware) will be the keynote speaker at "Outlook '81," a major gathering of legislators and business people, on February 6th from 11:30 to 2:00 at the Springfield Civic Center.

Roth, co-author of the Kemp-Roth tax cut amendment that would cut personal income tax rates by 30 percent, and a leader in the Senate for developing economic legislation, is considered to be an authority in the field of fiscal affairs.

The Outlook '81 luncheon meeting to be held in the center's Exhibition Hall is sponsored by the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with its affiliates in Agawam, East Longmeadow, Ludlow and West Springfield. It serves to honor 64 federal, state, and local officials.

Roth, a graduate of Harvard Law School with a master's degree from Harvard Business School, also has a longstanding interest in international relations, especially those in the Far East. He serves on the Advisory Committee of the Georgetown University Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Reservations for individual tickets or tables may be made by contacting the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, plaza level, Baystate West.

Jaycee-ettes To Sponsor Record Hop

The Agawam Jaycee-ettes will sponsor a Record Hop on Saturday, February 14th, at the Dante Club, Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Come and bop, swing or hustle to the beat of the 50's, 60's, and 70's played by D.J. Fran Milliken.

There will be prizes offered for trivia contests and anyone who is limber enough to do the "Limbo." Fifties style dress is requested.

A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to Camp Lincoln Hill, an establishment for retarded citizens funded solely by the Massachusetts Jaycees and Jaycee-ettes.

Tickets may be purchased for \$3.00 through Sandy Dubay at 786-8055.

Secretaries Association Selects Secretary Of Year

Springfield Chapter, The National Secretaries Association (International) has chosen Constance Marini of Ludlow as their 1981 Secretary of the Year.

Nominated for the honor by three members of the organization and chosen by a distinguished panel of judges representing management, education, and the secretarial profession, Mrs. Marini will be honored at the Secretaries Day Banquet to be held in April.

Mrs. Marini has been active in civic affairs in Ludlow as well as in the events of the Secretaries Association. She is currently serving as chairperson for public relations for that organization.

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"On The Clothesline"



By Penny Stone

"It went just great!" said JOE LONGO, 15-year-old coordinator of last Saturday's successful bloodmobile drive at the Agawam Congregational Church. According to the Eagle Scout candidate, 79 area people stopped by the church to donate a pint of blood. Of these, 12 prospective donors were disqualified. (As predicted, I was among this dejected, rejected group!) Joe, however, will get credit for all 79 who made the attempt.

"This was a really good turnout for a small town like ours," said Joe enthusiastically. "And a lot of the people were donating for the first time, too." Many were friends of scouts and others had come as a result of Joe's effective publicity campaign.

Joe, a sophomore honor student at Agawam High, said the next step in getting his Eagle Scout Award is the board review, where badges he has previously earned and other leadership requirements will be examined. He hopes to receive this award by spring.

Joe would like to express his appreciation to all the Red Cross workers, to the boy scouts who helped out, to the Agawam Congregational Church, and especially to all the blood donors who helped to make the bloodmobile drive a success.

JOAN KANE of 46 Taft Street, Feeding Hills, principal clerk in the Town Assessors' office, is a grandmother again! Her daughter CINDY and son-in-law BEN KEELEY of 77 Sun Valley Road, Holyoke, had their second daughter named MICHELLE MARIE on January 2nd. She weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz. and measured 21 inches tall. Michelle's 2½-year-old sister Marissa is very excited and helps out by running errands for Mom.

According to Joan, "This one sleeps all the time!" Spoken like a true grandmother...

Paternal grandmother is DORIS KEELEY of Suffield Street, Agawam, whose other son KEVIN and wife JEAN had their first daughter, JENNIFER, only ten days earlier on December 23rd. Welcome, Michelle and Jennifer!

Another baby was born to Agawam folks recently. ADAM ALLYN WRIGHT was born on January 10th, weighing 8 lbs., 12 oz. and measuring 22½ inches long. Adam is the second child of DONNA and DAVID WRIGHT of 788 North Street, Feeding Hills.

Adam's grandparents are MR. & MRS. FRANK LABUN of 82 Kensington Street, Feeding Hills, and CELESTINA WRIGHT of 17 Federal Avenue, Agawam, widow of RAYMOND J. WRIGHT. The baby's great grandfather, DEVINO GALONI, lives at the same address.

According to Adam's mom, 2-year-old sister AMIE "loves him like a little mother, but has trouble keeping her hands off him." Mother also noted it's more difficult getting her rest with a toddler as well to keep an eye on. The couple went through natural childbirth classes and Donna was glad they did. She felt she was better able to enjoy that special time right after the baby was born.

As for little Adam's future, well, David played ball in college, but "whatever he wants to be is what we want him to be."

Over in Permissens, Germany, Agawam's PFC. DENNIS GAYNOR was recently transferred to Giessen, which is 30 miles north of Frankfurt, Germany. The son of ROBERT & MARILYN GAYNOR of 51 South Alhambra Circle, Dennis graduated from Agawam High in 1978 and went into the Army in April, 1979. He received his basic and military police training in Alabama and then came home to work as a Recruiter Aide all summer. He was then sent to Germany for a three-year tour of duty.

After guarding missile sites there for some time, Dennis put in for a transfer to a more challenging assignment. He will now be doing more "white hat" work of a confidential investigative nature.

Dennis is not due home until around February of 1982 when his tour is up. He hopes to be able to pursue his interest in criminal investigation and perhaps go into civilian police work.

His mother says she can readily identify with the families of the ex-hostages and is anxious to hear if Dennis was involved at all when they stayed in Germany for tests. Apparently, his new location is only about 30 miles from the Wiesbaden base.

Good luck to you, Dennis, in your new assignment!

Did anyone get or give an interesting "white elephant" gift they'd like to tell about? Call or write and share the fun with us.

[You are welcome to send items of social or personal interest to Penny Stone at 72 Federal Street (Phone: 786-9144) or to call the newspaper office at 786-7747 to leave a message.]



Eagle Scout candidate Joe Longo stands by to give moral support as Red Cross nurse Beverly Savaria takes blood from donor Frank Gamelli of West Springfield at the bloodmobile organized and conducted by Longo last weekend. Photo by Jack Devine.

W. Spfld. Civil Air Patrol Upcoming Events

Major David L. Barnes, squadron commander of the West Springfield Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, and his senior staff have announced some of the upcoming events for their organization for this spring.

A weekend bivouac at Moses Scout Reservation in Woronoco will take place in February or early March; tours of Weymouth Naval Air Station and the aircraft carrier Nimitz are slated; and the C-130 flights out of Westover AFB will resume. The group also plans to march in the Memorial Day Parade.

The senior staff person in charge of the cadet program is S/MSgt. Greg Klaus, and the cadet program is coordinated and supervised by Cadet Commander C/Major Mark Fillion.

Artist Reception Slated At Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden announces an reception for Easthampton printmaker and sculptor Allen James Robinson on Sunday, February 8th at 2 p.m. to be held in the Art Gallery on the grounds.

Robinson's works will be displayed through March 14th and will include sketches, drypoints and etchings from a variety of his natural world subjects, including his recent illustrations for Poe's poem *The Raven* which he printed in an exclusive, limited edition.

The artist's reception is free and open to the public. For more information, call Laughing Brook at 566-8034.

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Trippa Supper Committee members from left, Al Belano, Paul Ferrarini, and Lou Scherpa prepare their delicious meal scheduled for Wednesday, February 11 at the Church Hall. Tickets are \$4 for the Trippa Supper and \$3.50 for an alternative macaroni and meatball dish. Photo by Jack Devine.

St. Anthony's Plans Trippa Supper

The Holy Name Society of St. Anthony of Padua Church, Agawam, will hold its annual Trippa Supper on Wednesday, February 11th, from 6-8 p.m. in the Church Hall at 108 Bridge Street. An alternate meal of macaroni and meatballs will be available.

Tickets for the trippa meal are \$4.00 and for the macaroni meal, \$3.50. They will be available from society members, from church ushers after masses, at

the rectory, or at the door on February 11th. Proceeds will go towards church maintenance.

Rev. Joseph Fellin is honorary chairman for the event, with Lou Scherpa, Al Bellano, and Frank Gatti serving as chairmen. Dorothy Pelegi will act as cook and Paul Ferrarini is in charge of publicity.

Take out orders will be available - provide your own containers.

Congregational Church Plans Card Party

The Ladies Aid Society of the Agawam Congregational Church will hold a Dessert Card Party on February 13th at 1:00 P.M. at the church social room, 745 Main Street.

There will be table prizes and door prizes. Come and play your favorite card party. For reservations, call Mrs. Charles McCobb at 786-8195 or the church office at 786-7111.

Nocturnal Adoration Soc. Sets Vigil Meeting

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam-West Springfield will hold its all-night Vigil of the Most Blessed Sacrament at St. Theresa de Infant Jesus Church, Bridge Street, Agawam.

Fr. Choquette, pastor and moderator, will open the devotions at 9 p.m. Friday, February 6th, and close at 6 a.m. Saturday, February 7th. He will be assisted by Alfred Racicot, chairman, and Louis Gallarani, president.

OBITUARIES

Ida Zoll

Ida (Descoteaux) Racicot Zoll, 72, of 49 Meadowbrook Manor died Wednesday, January 22, 1981 in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Hospital unit.

A lifelong resident of Agawam, she was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church.

She leaves a son, Alfred J. Racicot of Feeding Hills; a brother, Raymond W. Descoteaux of West Springfield; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield, was in charge of services.

C.W.C. Schedules Evening Of Recollection

The Agawam Catholic Women's Club will have an Evening of Recollection on Monday, February 16th at the Marion Retreat House, 1365 Northampton Street, Holyoke. Registration will be at 6:15 p.m. and dinner at 6:30.

Rev. Jeffrey Larche, M.S., a LaSalette father assigned to the Immaculate Conception Church in Holyoke, will be the guest speaker at 8 p.m. with mass celebrated at 8:30.

Mrs. Albert Taupier is the program chairperson and may be reached at 786-2325 for reservations on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations are limited to fifty people.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 7th
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February 7th
Basketball Parents'
Smorg & Dance
Polish-Amer. Club
8:00 - 1:00

February 11th
St. Anthony's Hall
Trippa Supper
6-8 p.m.

February 13th
Aga. Congo Church
Dessert Card Party
745 Main Street
1 p.m.

February 14th
Jaycee-ettes'
Record Hop
Dante Club
Memorial Avenue
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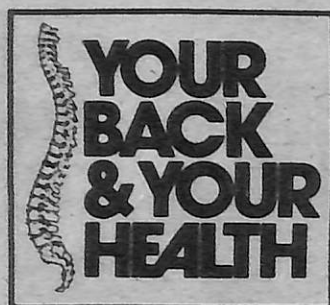
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From
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Know Your Drugs...



By Gary Kerr

Over the past decade the interest in vitamins has mushroomed as part of a nationwide drive toward better health through nutrition. Many individuals are firm believers of megavitamin therapy, that is, taking ten or more times the RDA (Recommended Dietary Allowance) of one or more vitamins. Unfortunately this "vitamania" has been instigated by deceptive advertising and sensationalized articles which conveniently lack information regarding the potential hazards of high dose vitamin therapy.

Some of the many myths surrounding vitamins were revealed in a study performed for the Food and Drug Administration. Many persons believed erroneously that if they felt tired and run down they needed more vitamins and minerals. Many persons also did not know that older people require about the same amount of vitamins as young adults. Another common misconception was that many diseases, including arthritis and cancer, are partly caused by a lack of vitamins and minerals. Many did not know that persons who eat a variety of available foods every day can get all the vitamins they need. A smaller portion of the general public erroneously believed that people can protect their health if they take more vitamins than they normally need.

A questionnaire section of the same study showed that 57% of college graduates and 63% of the general public gave incorrect answers to questions about the nutritious value of our food supply and about vitamins in general. A common false belief was that synthetic vitamins are different than natural vitamins.

Certainly these myths are not the only myths that exist today. Following are several that have echoed off the walls of local pharmacies, some quite interesting to say the least while others border on the ridiculous. Some people seem to think that the quality of the diet depends on the type of soil the food was grown in. Others believe that certain cooking procedures ruin the vitamin content in the food they eat and therefore the need for a vitamin supplement exists. Ingesting several grams of vitamin C "stops" the progress of a cold according to many. Several of the B vitamins have been requested to diminish anxiety but scientific data is scarce to warrant their use as tranquilizers. Of course a discussion of vitamin quackery would not be complete without mention of the young male who requests vitamin E ("the highest strength please") on a Saturday evening.

Amidst the comical misconceptions of vitamin usage are some not-so-comical beliefs that could lead to severe problems and even deaths in rarer instances. Since vitamins, for the most part, can be purchased without a prescription at any pharmacy many persons think that they are harmless. Not so. Megadoses of vitamins have many associated side effects, some of them being quite severe. Vitamin C (ascorbic acid) in large doses has initiated gout attacks in susceptible individuals and has caused anemias in certain ethnic groups. Kidney stones have also been linked to megavitamin C therapy. Vitamin E megadoses have caused fatigue, blurred vision, low blood sugar, and various mouth irritations including chapped lips. Even at sub-megadose levels vitamin A has been reported to cause problems such as intense head pains, sleep disturbances, and blurred vision.

In conclusion one is urged to remember that the key to good nutrition is eating a well balanced diet and before embarking on any vitamin-taking adventures it is best to consult with your physician or pharmacist.

Gary Kerr is a Feeding Hills resident currently doing his fifth year internship as a student at Mass. College Of Pharmacy And Allied Health Science, Hampden Campus. Gary's column will be a regular feature of *The Advertiser/News*.

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Your Dental Health

By Stephen R.
Jacapraro, D.M.D.

The title of this week's column is "Never Give A Filling An Even Break." If you have guessed from the title that I am going to discuss the dangers resulting from broken fillings, you have hit the head right on the nail.

I trust you noted the turn of that phrase. It was actually right around the turn of the phrase that people in the dental profession noted that with age fillings, to varying degrees, tended to break down which eventually attains a point where replacement of that filling is necessary.

I am referring, however, to the actual fracturing of a filling whether it be new or old. A broken restoration (filling) can occur at any time from numerous acts of violence, but the three most common causes of violent fracture seem to be unpopped popcorn, ice cubes, and small pieces of bone in hamburger meat. After reading that small list, is it any wonder to you that after he contemplated those three common causes Tarzan looked down from his tree house and said "It's a jungle out there"?

The majority of times a filling, though broken, remains in place. As the person chews his food, the filling now under biting pressure will move and flex a bit (or is that bite?) — just enough to allow bacteria and their nutrients to enter between the cracks. Decay begins beneath the broken restoration as the unaware person chews merrily on. Because the bottom of the restoration already rests in the dentin (the second layer of the tooth, located between the enamel and the pulp) which is less resistant to the bacterial acids than the enamel, the decay progresses quickly.

This points to the necessity for periodic dental exams so that the problem can be detected and corrected, for, occasionally, a tooth with a broken restoration will give no symptoms until the decay reaches the pulp (nerve) and it becomes too late to save the nerve. Broken restorations are prevalent in children between the ages of 6 and 12, where they have both permanent and primary (baby) teeth. During this period, as some teeth are lost while others are erupting to take their place, there is a shifting in the positions of the teeth causing them to touch differently than when the restorations were originally placed.

Unless the restoration is lost when it fractures or shortly thereafter, it is almost impossible for you as the patient to be aware of it. As the decay under this broken restoration continues, the tooth will give some warning sign. Be aware and alert to teeth that suddenly become sensitive to temperature changes such as hot or cold or to sweets or that elicit sharp pain on biting. If you notice these changes, do not wait for your next routine checkup, but have the problem looked at soon. If you wait until the tooth keeps you awake all night, you have waited too long.

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"Skin Deep"

This is the first in a series of articles submitted by Eileen Trempe, manager and consultant with The Lady Finelle Cosmetic Company.

This is your skin talking...

I am the skin on your face and hands. I am a dynamic organ. I am never static or still.

I am a barometer, reflecting your physical and mental state. Severe nervous or emotional strain or illness may upset my skin balance temporarily. Increasing years bring dryness. Internal changes in your body have an effect on me. Even when you take a trip, the change of climate, food, atmospheric conditions and water can alter my consistency.

I know you don't have too much control over these factors which I am mentioning, BUT the problem is that sometimes you don't remember to help me out at all. You take me outside where it is so cold that my glands and pores react violently. Then, you bring me inside to the dry heat of your home, so that I am forced to make a quick transition. You expose me to hundreds of pounds of pollution in the air night and day do nothing to help. You put me out in the summer heat and sun and leave me exposed. You take me out in the wind and expect me not to react. You put thick make-up on me and think it will disappear without proper cleansing products.

Then... You look into the mirror suddenly and really get upset with me because I show the effects of all these external conditions by wrinkling or getting very dry and splotchy or very oily in certain spots. Don't expect me to be the radiant, satin-smooth complexion you dream of, if you don't help me at all! Loving care and concern and the proper skin care products DO help!

The secret of keeping a beautiful me is to know the enemies that you can fight...and then go ahead and fight them! Even the aging process can actually be stepped up with negligence or slowed down with intensive daily care. It is known that I gradually lose my ability to retain moisture, and that as the years pass, my glands release less and less protective oils. The tissues underlying my surface become flabbier and thinner, causing my surface to sag and making lines and wrinkles. Wind, cold, and heat, which are the thieves of moisture certainly cannot be avoided in the routine of daily living. But, with proper protection, I can be helped!

Don't just think that because I'm not 30 or 40, you can wait. A skin care and moisturizing routine should be developed in your late teens and then this program should be followed daily. I'll show you a big difference. If you'll do these things for me every single day!

EDITORIAL

"Match Wits" Winning Team Mirrors Town's School System

We at the Advertiser/News feel privileged to congratulate the four high school students who recently represented Agawam on Channel 22's award winning quiz show, *As Schools Match Wits*.

This marks the second consecutive year a team from Agawam High has reached the championship playoffs. In fact, last season's quartet reached the final match.

The four *As Schools Match Wits* students; Todd Rovelli, Mark Morrison, Bob Lancour, and Tim Ryan, in fact, mirror the many, many years Agawam schools have provided their children a quality education from kindergarten to senior high.

There exist critics of our school system of all kinds concerning the money that has been expended and personnel acquired to teach our children in the past. We say these individuals should be silent and lend their criticisms to progressive improvement and change rather than negativism of our system and personnel.

The laudable efforts of these fine, young men comes at a most opportune time for the school system and should serve as a booster shot and renewed faith in our fine educational heritage.

We also applaud the efforts of the teachers, principals and School Committees of recent times who are responsible for the educational upbringing of these four scholars and the many who preceeded them.

Guest Editorial Rheault Critical Of License Increases

By Councilor Donald Rheault

This Guest Editorial was prompted by the comments of some town officials.

The ineptness of Council President Paul Fieldstad and the unprofessional actions of the Town Manager are cause for a major part of the confusion on the Agawam Town Council.

As leaders it is their responsibility to see that all the "provisions of the general laws, of the charter, and of the votes of the council are faithfully carried out."

Contradiction of Laws

At the Monday, January 19 meeting of the council the action taken by the council on agenda item number seven - license fees, was faulty and a contradiction of the general laws.

The Town Manager repeated several times that he checked the laws and gave reasons why he thought all the fees listed should pass.

He (the Manager) left the council with the impression that all the laws were checked.

But as it turned out after investigating the matter I discovered that the Firearm Identification Card only cost \$2 once, and the general laws set this price and Agawam has no legal right to set the fee of \$2 per year.

Sets The Fee

The Pistol Permit - \$10 per year was the rate set by Mr. Bowen. But again, the general laws sets the fee. The pistol permit is a 5 year permit for \$10, therefore, Mr. Bowen's research or "checking the laws" was not a professional job. His act of setting the law to be retroactive to January 1 was illegal because the general law sets the dates of when and how long the pistol permit takes effect.

Mr. Fieldstad should have been abiding by the charter - and not allowed action until it was the matter was properly investigated.

Moreno Comments On Water Fees

To The Editor:

I disagree vigorously with Town Manager Richard Bowen, Councilor Andrew Gallano and DPW Superintendent John Stone in their efforts to increase the water rates, the sewer rates and mention of establishing rubbish collection rates to raise \$700,000 to satisfy the 2 1/2 real estate tax cut.

The above three have already placed themselves on record in the council records and in the media. Mr. Gallano's statement (on record) that you "the people must be public relationed to make you understand that you have to accept the increase so the water department will be self-sustaining."

Mr. Bowen, with the aide of Jack Stone, seeks to raise \$434,716 from the water department alone by raising your water bill. I want the Agawam people to know the following - because what Mr. Gallano will learn from the Town Accountant's report he demanded for the next council meeting:

1. that yes, the \$200,000 average surplus income to the water department per year for the past five years is true. The amount is \$981,000.
2. that there is due to the water department \$173,562.20 in accounts receivable which are absolutely a collectable item. The total of the first two items alone now equal \$373,000.
3. there are 8,000 water billings two times a year which yields \$879,498 according to the las9 billing. The water department budget was \$683,590. Please Note: this income does not include funds unexpended and it also does not include amounts of any participating funds or grants from the state and/or federal government of which there is quite a sum.
4. that the income generated by the water billings must have been invested by the town treasurer and the proceeds (all interests) accrued belong to the water department.

It should be in the neighborhood of \$50,000 (the interest) which when added to the above amounts listed so far we find that the income should not be less than \$450,000 profit.

The list of charges credited to the water department by Jack Stone is nothing but a list of budget items that the council will determine the answers to when they review the next water budget. I will agree to about \$30,000 that could be placed or added in the water department's costs.

5. another loss that the taxpayers will sustain is their real estate costs are now deductible - but if they have to pay these increased service costs they will not be deductible at tax time.

6. Mr. Gallano has been collaring people and insisting that the town has been paying for all water bonding for water construction, etc.

I want those that have been told these fabrications that the water department is and has been paying its funded debts by bond in the issued amount of \$695,000 and another of \$300,000. The former is down to \$495,000 and the later bond is down to two payment of \$20,000 each.



FROM THE THIRD

By Rep Edward W.
Connelly

This past week was really a "nothing" time in the State Legislature. The inauguration of a new President, the release of the hostages and the Super Bowl became the order of the day.

Fortunately, new committee assignments and consequent reorganization of the committees precluded any legislative action whatsoever. Approximately 3,000 bills are now in print and the public hearing schedules are being released, based on the availability of printed bills.

On Wednesday, January 28, we met in Joint Convention with the Senate to hear the Governor's budget message. This will signal an immediate increase in productivity on the part of both Houses.

As I have indicated previously, I believe there will be an early resolution of the state budget in order to get cherry sheet information as soon as possible to the cities and towns, who now labor to survive the impact of Proposition 2 1/2.

The Governor's budget indicates an increase of some \$400 million over fiscal 1981 and there will be no small effort made to reduce this figure, as well as a strong attempt to provide additional local aid.

Predictions of a hard fought series of battles cannot be taken lightly - and hopefully those of us who will do the fighting for you will be successful.

Legal Lines

My friend tried to commit suicide and has been placed in Northampton State Hospital by her doctor and against her wishes. Is this legal?

Massachusetts' law provides that a licensed psychiatrist may involuntarily commit a person to a mental hospital facility for a ten-day period if such person would create a likelihood of serious harm by reason of mental illness. In an emergency situation, a police officer may apply for the hospitalization of such a person.

At the end of the ten-day period, the person shall be discharged from the mental hospital unless application is made for extended commitment or the person remains on a voluntary status.

The intent of the statute is to provide the mentally ill person with care and to protect society from harm.

Please taxpayers, understand: the general law says you pay for services only the amount that the service costs. No More.

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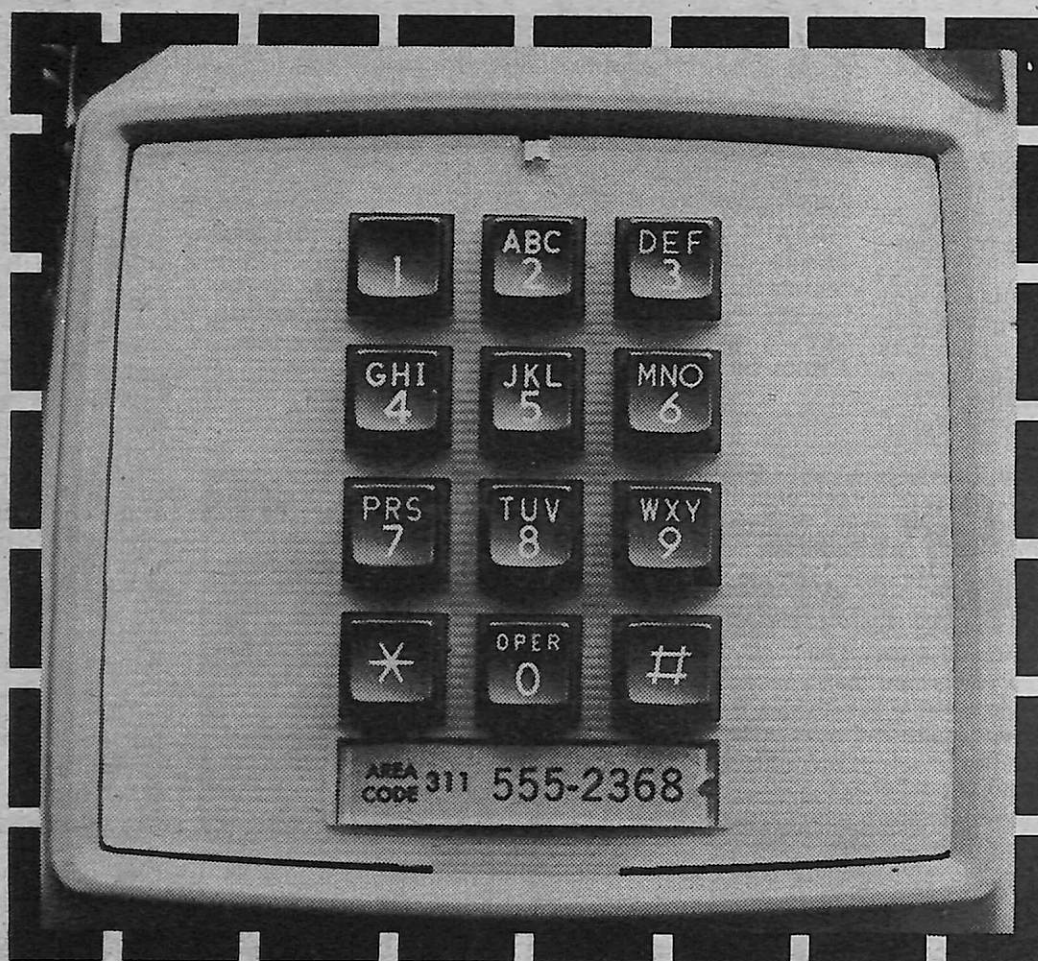
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SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Mon., Feb. 2: Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, raw carrot sticks, mixed fruit cup, milk

Tues., Feb. 3: Orange juice, hamburger in roll, buttered kernel corn, steamed rice, pudding w/topping milk

Wed., Feb. 4: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, creamy cole slaw, buttered Italian bread, fruited jello, milk

Thurs., Feb. 5: Chicken soup, fluffernutter sandwich, oven french fries, sweet potato cake, milk

Fri., Feb. 6: Hamburg & gravy on whipped potatoes, buttered peas & carrots, whole wheat bread & butter, golden delicious apple, milk

Agawam Schools Require Pre-Registration

Agawam Kindergarten Pre-Registration

Parents of children who are to enter Kindergarten in September, 1981 are requested to contact the nearest elementary school as soon as possible. Information regarding registration will then be sent home.

Children who will be five years of age or older before October 1, 1981 are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten in September, 1981.

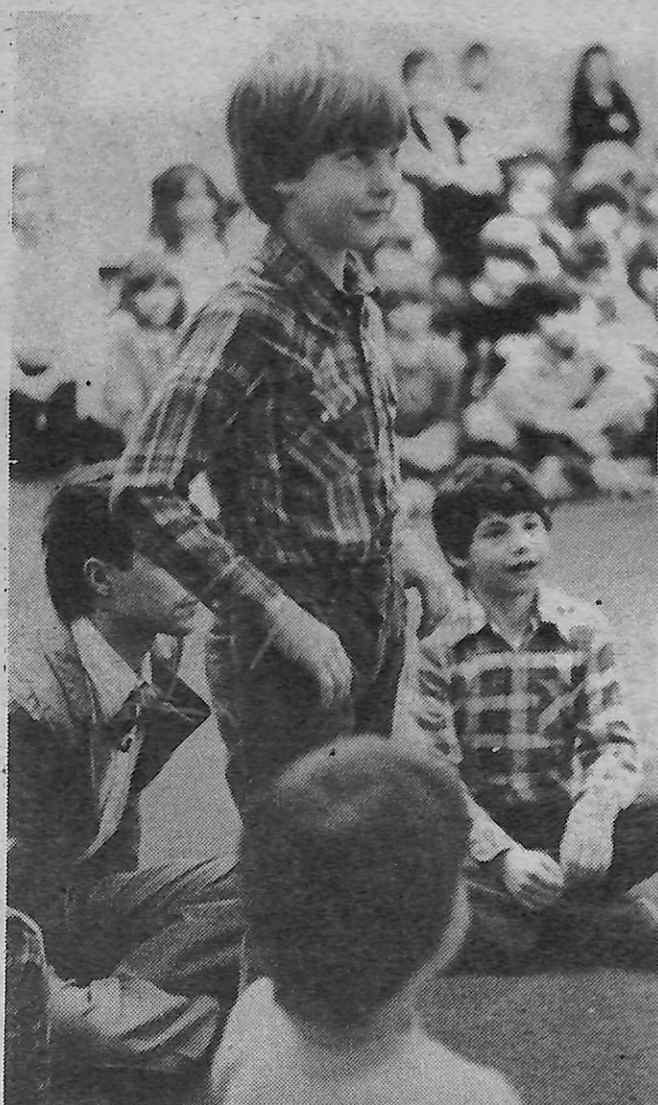
First Grade Pre-Registration

Children who have not previously attended school in Agawam are eligible for entrance to Grade 1 in September if they are six years of age or older before October 1, 1981.

Sponsors Sought To Fund Bus Patrol D.C. Trip

On April 30th, members of the Agawam School Bus Patrol will leave on their traditional trip to Washington, D.C. Each member who participates in the trip must be sponsored for the \$100 cost by a club, business, or individual.

Anyone interested in helping out with any amount of money to make this memorable 3-day trip possible for the greatest number of hard-working youngsters is asked to contact Safety Officer Al Longhi as soon as possible. Checks should be made payable to the Safety Officer for the Safety Patrol and sent to the Police Department, 36 Main Street.



Clark School fourth-grader Benjamin Stulpin stands ready to be introduced as "Bill," the legislative resolution about to be presented to the Senate in Looking Glass Theatre's production shown to all elementary schools this week. Photo by Jack Devine.

Look At The Law Educational & Entertaining

By Joanne Brown

This week, all of Agawam's elementary school students have had a unique opportunity to participate actively in the inner workings of Congress.

Through their production entitled "Looking Glass Looks At The Law," four talented representatives of the Looking Glass Theatre from Providence, Rhode Island, led youngsters at all six elementary schools through the step-by-step procedure involved in how a legislative bill is passed by Congress. Each school was offered the choice of considering a bill to support exploration and colonization of the moon or of the ocean.

Once the majority made its decision on which bill to introduce into Congress, the children themselves were asked to stand in for legislative personnel. They were introduced to a Looking Glass actress as the Vice-President of the United States/President of the Senate, - and didn't even doubt for a moment the likelihood that a woman would hold such an office!

Four students assumed the roles of legislative clerk, sergeant-at-arms, parliamentarian, and journal clerk and stood ready as six others (as the "hopper") carried "Bill" from the House of Representatives into the Senate. Each of the four then carried out the duties assigned to his legislative character in numbering, naming, and checking the bill for proper form.

After being sent to committee, "Bill" faced testimony from two student witnesses who led him and committee members on an on-site exploration of the ocean or moon, whichever "Bill" represented.

Those in attendance at James Clark School saw this group enthusiastically pretend to swim through the ocean seeking the many wonders it has to offer. The students in the audience watched in attentive silence, eager to follow the actors' lead.

Following the on-site investigation, the committee then agree to send "Bill" back to the Senate for approval. A lively *Vote Yea Or Nay* song was interrupted by Phil E. Buster, a Looking Glass actor who attempted to stop the vote. With classic lines such as, "It's a thrill to nil this bill to get my will," Phil succeeded in holding up the vote until students step in as "Cloture" and end his speech.

The approved bill then is taken to the President of the United States - also a woman! - who asks for a big pen with which to sign such an important bill. She is brought a 7-foot special. As she inscribed her signature onto the back of Clark School fourth grader Benjamin Stulpin, a rather unseemly giggle could be heard coming from such an important representative.

The production's use of red, white, and blue movable stage segments was clever and uncomplicated. These props were especially effective when flipped over to bring the Presidential Seal of Office into view.

The excellent background into the legislative process provided in this production certainly proved educational as well as entertaining. It could be a great step-off point to a more thorough study of the workings of our national government.

This program was partially funded by the New England Foundation for the Arts, the Mass. Council on Arts and Humanities, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Danahy PTO Will Meet

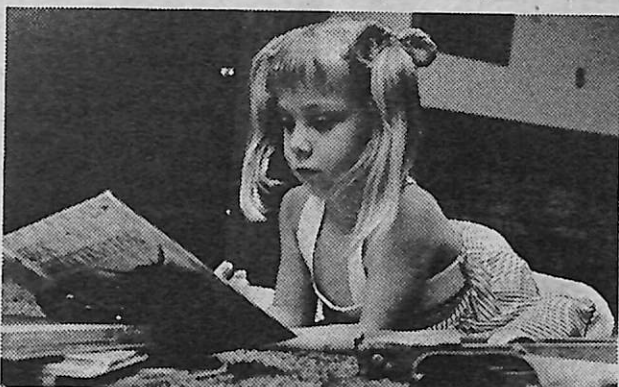
The Danahy School P.T.O. is having its next meeting on Wednesday, February 4th at 7:30 p.m. at which time the winner of the T-shirt logo contest will be announced.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Dave Borkowski, a special education teacher with the Lower Pioneer Valley Education Collaborative who will discuss the importance of "regular class" integration and the meaning of having a "special child" in a regular class as specifically applied to the elementary adjustment class at Danahy.

Refreshments will be served.

POSTER CHILD-AN ACTIVE LIFE

As 1981 March of Dimes National Poster Child, Missy Jablonski of St. Louis, Mo., represents more than a quarter-million children born every year in the U.S. with birth defects. Missy, 5½, was born with open spine and uses crutches to get around. But she loves to play, exercise, practice ballet and has all the lively curiosity of her age.

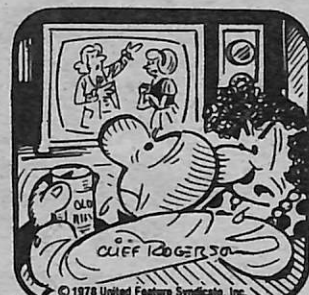


READING IS FUN for 1981 March of Dimes National Poster Child Missy Jablonski. After a year of pre-school, Missy, who enters kindergarten this year, already loves school. The 5½ year old from St. Louis, Missouri, represents more than a quarter-million children born each year with birth defects.



AN ACTIVE LIFE is the delight of March of Dimes National Poster Child Missy Jablonski. This 5½-year-old youngster is from St. Louis, Mo.

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AHS Band Slates Pops Concert

The Agawam High School Band Pops Concert will be held at the Middle School auditorium on February 6 and 7 beginning at 8 p.m. Table seating will be available, and refreshments will be served by Color Guard members. Tickets at \$1.00 each will be available at the door or from band members, with proceeds going towards attendance at spring music festivals.

Groups slated to perform will be the High School wind ensemble, under the direction of Zachary Tileston; the Jazz Combo, under the direction of Tileston; and the full concert band, under the direction of Tileston and Darcy Davis, director of music.

A variety of concert music, marches and jazz will include some concert overtures as well as music in the lighter "pops" vein.

All of the band and color guard members received emblems and service pins at the recent Band/Color Guard Awards Supper. Special musicianship chevrons were also awarded to members who scored well in the sight-reading achievement test.

Highest scores were achieved by Andy Lester, euphonium; Scott Mackin, alto sax; and Robert Drewes, percussion. These three earned four-stripe chevrons.

Three-stripe chevrons went to Sharon Stefanik, flute; Ellen Fanning, flute; Jeff Rovelli, alto sax; Michael Annino, percussion; Charles Hastings, alto sax; Lori Richardson, alto sax; Sandra Nascembeni, flute; and Tracy Fountaine, flute.



Agawam High School Band and Color Guard officers for the current year are as follows: front row, left to right, Sharon Stefanik, Donna Ouellette, Debbie Macey, Beth Golemo, Sue Hundley; Back row, Scott Mackin, Caron LaCour, Lori Richardson, Linda Sheffer, Dan Methot, Evelyn Chase, Alisa LaFrancis, and Sandi Nascembeni.



Guidance Bulletin Board

by Paul Cavallo,
Director of Guidance

The following scholarship applications are available in the guidance office.

1.) Italian Women's Club: Available to seniors of Italian extraction. The award is based on scholastic standing, recommendations and financial need.

2.) College Club Scholarships - awarded to a graduating senior who is in the top fifth of his/her class. Each applicant must have a personal interview in the month of May.

3.) AFL-CIO Scholarship - award based on a competitive examination dealing with "Organized Labor In America." This award will be administered Wednesday, April 8, 1981. Sign up with Mr. Brunelle prior to March 20, 1981 in Room 23.

4.) Worcester Academy - (Grades 6-12) A competitive scholarship exam will be given on Saturday, February 7, 1981. For more information see Mrs. Williams in the Guidance Office.

Miscellaneous Information

New Programs At Colleges:

Johnson And Wales, Providence Rhode Island has a program in Equine Studies.

Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, Mass. has a program in Aviation Science.

Summer program called "Cross Country Adventure" open to boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 17. The adventures includes travelling from Massachusetts to California with the Springfield YMCA - The cost is \$1200.00 per person. If interested see Mrs. Williams in the guidance office.

Important Dates

Next College Board Examination is April 24, 1981. Only SAT will be given - no achievement testing. The final two testing dates for College Board exams are May 2 and June 6, 1981. Agawam High School will be a test center on May 2nd only.

Report cards at the high school will be issued on Friday, February 6, 1981.

FOOTNOTE: It is very important that all students read the Guidance Bulletin. A lot of information regarding scholarships, college information etc. arrives in our office on a daily basis and much of it contains deadline dates. It a student has any question concerning anything on the bulletin he/she should see his/her counselor.

Agawam Students Attain Respective Deans' Lists

The following students from Agawam have been named to the Dean's List at their respective institutions for higher education for the fall semester.

Jodi Ferraro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ferraro of 17 Henry Street, Feeding Hills, earned Dean's List honors at Holy Cross College, Worcester.

Patricia Trehey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Trehey of 30 Ridge Drive, made the Dean's List at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire.

Vincent Govoni attained a place on the Dean's List at the New England Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences in Boston, a leading institute for funeral service education.

Robinson Park School Receives Statewide Recognition

By Joanne Brown

State-wide recognition has been accorded to Agawam's Robinson Park School in honor of its '78-'79 Ancient Greece project done in conjunction with the Cultural Education Collaborative.

The collaborative consists of fifteen museums throughout Massachusetts operating in close cooperation with forty-five specific schools across the state. Robinson's Greek project was one of only four acknowledged to be superior among those of the forty-five schools involved.

Principal Barbara Skolnick, who works constantly to promote cultural programs through a multi-disciplinary approach, rejoiced at the honor extended to her school and to the hard-working teachers and students who participated in the project.

"It's such a thrill being chosen as one of only four in the state to be awarded such recognition," Mrs. Skolnick exclaimed. "All of our teachers, students, and even many parents were involved to some extent, especially those in the fifth and fourth grades. This recognition goes out to each and every one of them."

The project began when a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities allowed teachers Linda Ulrick and Evelyn Lester along with Mrs. Skolnick to attend a two-week summer workshop at the George Walter Vincent Smith Museum and the Museum of Fine Arts in Springfield. There they became familiar with all the exhibits and resources offered by these institutions. They discussed various aspects of the museums at length with staff members, who led a series of tours and structured activities.

"They opened up for us the resources they could offer and were always available for help," recalled Mrs. Ulrick.

In the second week of the session, the three local educators began work on an interdisciplinary unit on Greece for fourth and fifth graders. The Smith Museum's collection of classical Greek sculpture served as their base. They determined to familiarize students with ancient Greek myths and culture and to bring them to a realization that ancient Greek culture influences the modern world.

Following the summer session, they assembled a tremendous amount of material for all Robinson Park teachers to draw upon. Mrs. Lester ordered and organized supplies and coordinated an enthusiastic parent volunteer group.

"We tried to provide a variety of experiences teachers could choose from to fit in with their grade levels and class plans," Mrs. Lester explained. "The materials actually taught basic skills in all areas of the curriculum while extending beyond established criteria."

The students became caught up in Greek mythology and enthusiastically participated in field trips to the museums, where they could extend their learning experiences. Books on Greece were checked out of our town and other local libraries as students researched every aspect of ancient Greek life.

Resource people gave presentations at the school including a slide show of a trip to Greece and the teaching of Greek songs and dances by local individuals of Greek ancestry.

The project's highlight was the fifth grades' reproduction of an "Olympic Games" celebration. After considerable research and wearing costumes made by parents from pre-cut patterns, the fifth grade children immersed themselves totally in their roles.

Last spring, the entire unit was repeated on a smaller scale, and the mobile cart filled with materials is still being widely circulated throughout the school. According to Mrs. Skolnick, plans now call for doing the program again next year, with the addition of a planetarium study of Greek astrology. They would also like to do a presentation at a regional workshop so other teachers could learn of the project.

As this Collaborative Humanities Project was a pilot partnership between museums and schools, the projects were studied carefully in order to design model programs which might work in any city or state. The recognition of Robinson Park School's effort as superior among projects submitted is certainly a credit to all staff, students, and parents who worked so hard to make it successful. Congratulations!

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AFS Seeks Families To Host Exchange

Since September 1975 Agawam has participated in a student exchange program sponsored by AFS International. Students from such countries as England, Chile, Japan, Switzerland, Australia and Bolivia have spent a year in our community. They have lived with families in Agawam and Feeding Hills while attending the High School. This year Laura Baldoni from Argentina and Mark Turnbull of South Africa will graduate with the class of '81.

As an integral part of the exchange our young people have traveled to Brazil, Turkey, Columbia, Germany, Peru and other countries as representatives of Agawam and the United States. At the present time Kathy is spending a year in Belgium, while Lori Acosta, who will graduate in June with Laura and Mark, spent 10 weeks last summer in Sweden as part of the program.

Agawam Chapter AFS was founded for the purpose of establishing intercultural relationships on a personal basis - in the home, the school and the community. To this end, we encourage all Agawam residents to meet our students, those from foreign countries, as well as the returning Agawam Students, attend public functions where they speak of their experiences, and help in our fundraising projects.

Perhaps you would like to experience an entirely new international relationship on a more personal basis - by sharing your home and family with a visiting foreign student for a year. Join our growing list of host families - we provide the student, you provide the love. For more information about the Agawam Chapter AFS, contact Joyce May 786-2104 or Donna Trask 786-0581. We hope to hear from YOU.

School Board Alters Credits, Honor Roll

By Joanne Brown

Among routine actions taken by the School Committee at their meeting last Tuesday was one to change the system for determining credits granted to various courses.

Citing inequities between credits allocated regardless of the number of periods students meet for individual courses, Superintendent Of Schools Louis Hebert recommended that courses meeting for equal hours be granted equal credits. He pointed out that differences in academic difficulty will now be reflected in the designation of each course as on Level One, Two, Three, and Four basis as approved at the board's last meeting.

"With the current credit system, the student who is least academically oriented, the one who needs the most help, is hurt the most," Hebert explained. "This new system will eliminate so-called 'major' and 'minor' distinctions and grant equal credits."

Hebert indicated that, at some time in the near future, he will recommend gradually phasing in a greater number of credits required to graduate.

Honor Roll Designation Altered

The same weights assigned by the School Committee to courses to determine rank in class were approved to be used in determining eligibility for the honor roll.

At their last meeting, board members approved four level factors to be used to equalize courses of varying degrees of difficulty. Standard courses (Level Four) would be factored 1.0; intensive courses (Level Three) at 1.065; high ability (Level Two) at 1.13; and advanced placement (Level One) at 1.2.

This same system of weighting courses will now be used to make attainment of the honor roll more equalized.

Twice-A-Week Late Bus Retained

In spite of strong vocal protest from board member Thomas Ennis, the committee refused to withdraw the late bus assigned on a twice-a-week basis to secondary schools.

Citing the state law that requires school departments to provide transportation for all students living over two miles from school, Hebert pointed out that this covers students who are required to be at school for whatever reason, including disciplinary.

Ennis voiced strong protest over "catering to students who are disciplinary problems."

"Teachers and administrators now have to give these discipline problems twenty-four hour notice to stay for detention and then we provide bussing to make it easy for them to get home," Ennis stormed. "It's time the taxpayers know what they're paying for."

Ennis added that it is "time the State Department of Education gets the message on 2½" in reference to money the town could save by cutting out all late busses.

In the area of transportation, a persistent parent group from North Westfield Street near the town line won a compromise proposed from board members. Junior High School students will now be picked up from one designated stop on North Westfield Street between North West Street and the town line through the winter months of December - March. This practice will go into effect this Thursday.

Cub Scouts Honor Hostages



Recently the Cub Scouts of Den Number 4, Pack 75, took the time to honor the 52 American Hostages. The Scouts, Mark Shivey, David Clark, Tod Nottall, Chris Jarvis, Jody Marsh and Ernie Malone, along with the help of their Den Mother, Mrs. Doreen Clark and assistant Mrs. Nancy Nottall made a welcome poster. After displaying the poster on Mrs. Clark's front door, the Scouts then went outside and tied a big yellow ribbon around the oak trees in her front yard. Photo by Jack Devine.

Did You Display Your Yellow Ribbon?

Peirce Students Reflect On Freedom

[In connection with a unit on figurative language, Mrs. Evelyn Lester's fifth graders at Peirce School wrote poems on what they thought the newly-freed hostages might be feeling on their release from captivity. The Advertiser/News is delighted to share some of them with our readers.]

Hostages In Captivity

Captivity is boring.
Captivity is sad.
Captivity is being treated like a donkey.
Captivity is like being put in jail.
Captivity is missing your family.
Captivity is wondering what is going to happen.
Captivity is being lonely.
Captivity is wanting to get home soon.

By Greg Quink

Return

Return is being safe when coming from Iran.
Return is smelling that nice American air, in knowing that you are home.
Return is feeling those nice, warm trees that you haven't seen in 444 days.
Return is seeing my family after so long.
Return is eating fresh American food.
Return is hearing the plane you're flying home on.

By Jeff MacKechnie

Freedom Finally

Before -
Captivity is like
Being sealed in
Or boxed out.
Now -
Freedom is alone on a
Park bench or an
Amusement park.

By Scott Cieboter

Hostages

Before...
Boxed in like a square.
As sad as a rainy day.
Lonely as an only child.
Now...
Free as a bird.
Happy as Reagan.
Lonely as a crowd.

By James Nardi

Returning

Returning is seeing your family again.
And being able to walk without somebody holding you.
Returning is being able to smell fresh air again.
And being able to smell home cooking again.
Returning is hearing children laugh again.
And hearing the traffic again.
Returning is touching your mom.
And touching the green grass.

By Keith Juzba

Home

Home is my mom crying.
Home is my dad yelling, "Son, Son."

Home is my mom's cooking.
Home is having pizza again.

Home is my bed.
Home is my dog.

Home is my rose bed.
Home is my mom's perfume.

By Karen MacLeod

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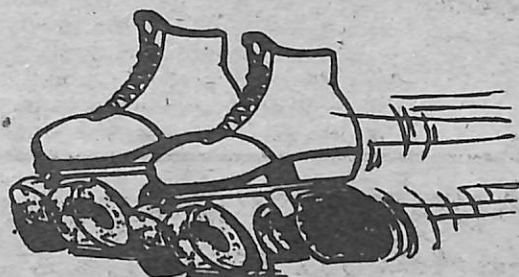
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Cub Scout Pack 89 Receives Awards

Cub Scout Pack 89 of Agawam, sponsored by the Agawam Lions' Club, was the proud recipient of the National Honor Award and the Summer Time Award. These two awards were presented by the Boy Scouts of America at the pack's monthly meeting last Thursday.

Only 2% of all Cub Scout packs in the United States qualify for the National Honor Award. Some of the qualifications that were met by Pack 89 were their having a trained cubmaster, an assistant cubmaster, a 90% attendance record at pack meetings, registrations in on time, offered many well-planned pack meetings throughout the year, and performed a service project.

The service project performed was the planting of a tree in front of the Agawam Public Library. This tree had been donated by Lauriente Nurseries of Agawam.

Cub scouts in Pack 89 include Chad Alechny, Peter Baruffaldi, Christopher Brunelle, David Campbell, Wayne Canto, Jeffrey Clarke, Patrick Clarke, Keith Dahlke, Ronald Daignault, Nathan Franklin, Russell Gazar, Michael Gillette, Victor Gomes, Daniel Harpin.

Also, Richard Krause, James LaJoie, David Mailloux, John Mailloux, Brian McCarthy, Mathiew Michnovetz, Kevin Miller, Edward Modzelewski, Joseph Modzelewski, Adam Moylan, Simon Moylan, Christopher Nickerson, Edward Pinney, David Poggi.

Also Billy Raimondi, Mark Romeo, Sean Santucci, John Shea, Scott Smith, Todd Vangsness, and Michael Wojcik.

Den leaders are Gail Brunelle, Pat Franklin, Moe Mailloux, Pat McCarthy, and Linda Wojcik.

Committee members are David Poggi, chairman; Nancy Mailloux, secretary; Barbara Gillette, treasurer; Michael Wojcik, cubmaster; John Shea, assistant cubmaster; Thomas Moylan, Webelos assistant; Dotty Smith, advancement; and Charlene Moylan, member.

The liaison from the sponsoring Lions Club is Mathiew Blackak.



Sophia DeRaleau, Cub Scout Leader Training Coordinator of the Pioneer Valley Boy Scouts of America, presented two prestigious awards to Agawam's Pack 89. These awards, the National Honor Award and the Summer Time Award, were presented to Mathiew Blackak, representing the pack's sponsor, the Lions club; Michael Wojcik, cubmaster; and David Poggi, committee chairman. Photo by Jack Devine.

Snippets

Shrimp swim backwards, pushing themselves with their fan-shaped tails.

Brazil shares a common border with all other South American countries except Chile and Ecuador.

Alaska is the only state in the Union that does not have an official nickname.

Of the 97,000 to 125,000 forest fires in the United States each year, only about 10,000 result from lightning strikes.

SALAD SPECIAL — Make any fruit salad festive with wine. Stir a half cup of white wine in the serving bowl with 2 tablespoons sugar and the grated peel and juice of a lime or lemon. Add cut up fruit and toss. Good accompaniment to roasts and chicken, too.

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Save Time & Money

BY ANN FRANCES DOLAN

ENTRY WAYS — Nothing says welcome better than a pleasingly-decorated entry to your place. Make it shine for your parties. Swag a hall mirror with silver cloth and/or cover the frame edges with mylar reflective tape. Pile silver balls on a tray and intersperse them with greens in season and tall white tapers stuck in florists' frogs or hollowed out apples to hold them upright. And, clean out the coat closet and decorate it, too.

PARTY WAYS — Have friends in for a simple supper after an afternoon church or school program or ballgame. Serve two kinds of soup — both hearty and satisfying. Add a big tossed salad, a variety of breads and crackers in baskets, and warm gingerbread with sauce for dessert. You can do the menu before you depart.

STAIN REMOVAL — When you bring out seldom-used linens and bedding, you could be dismayed to find mildew spots. Attack these immediately. Take the material out of doors to brush it, then pre-treat by rubbing detergent into dampened stains. If material is washable, launder in hot water, and use chlorine bleach if fabric can take it. For old and non-washable materials, your good neighborhood dry cleaner will have suggestions.

BOOTERY — There are new silicone-based sprays to protect your expensive boots and make them water repellent. If you get caught in bad

weather before you use such a protectant, stuff wet boots with newspaper and let them dry, away from heat and warm drafts. Polish and spray later. Sidewalk salt and slush causes white marks that can be removed by wiping leather with a 50-50 solution of water and vinegar.

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Westfield State's Irish-American Studies Begin

The Irish-American Studies Program at Westfield State College will begin this Thursday, January 22nd, at 7:30 p.m. and will sponsor lectures and events every Thursday evening through May 7th. All lectures and events will be free and open to the general public.

This week's program will focus on "Ulster Identity: Past and Present." The speakers will be Professor Catherine Shannon of the WSC History Dept. and Dr. William Van Voris of Smith College's English Dept. Professor Shannon, who is the director of the Irish-American Studies Program, did her graduate work in Ireland and has spent considerable time in recent years doing research on Ulster in the nineteenth century.

On January 29th, Professor Charles Fanning of Bridgewater State College will lecture on "The Irish Voice in American Literature." Professor Fanning has published books on Irish-American writers, has been the recipient of a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for his research in this area, and has also lectured in Australia on his research.

On February 5th, Professor Pamela Burger will lecture on "Early Pagan and Christian Art in Ireland."

Music Readings To Be Held

Because of the enthusiastic response to an initial experimental program, the Westfield State College Music Department has announced a continuing series of informal readings of orchestra music open to all interested musicians.

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SPORTS

Shea, Masi Come Through

Brownies Stun Bulldogs In Miracle Comeback, 5-5

A pair of goals in the last 40 seconds of play gave the Agawam High School varsity skaters a dramatic 5-5 tie with the Bulldogs of Classical.

Jimmy Shea's penalty shot at 14:20 and Jeff Masi's tally at 14:42 culminated the Brownies comeback and enabled Agawam to keep pace with the Bulldogs in a tie for second place. Both sides are now four points behind frontrunning Cathedral, who had defeated Westfield, 7-3 in an earlier contest at the Coliseum.

The first period was cleanly played as there were no penalties called and both squads seemed to be feeling each other out. Agawam held the edge in play, controlling the puck and keeping the disc in Classical's zone.

The Bulldogs first big scoring threat came with 3 minutes left on the clock. Sophomore netminder Kevin Kamyk came up with a sprawling save and the townies quickly moved the puck up the ice.

Shea unleashed a smart slap shot and the rebound found its way neatly to John Couture's stick. Couture flipped the puck over the fallen goaltender to give the locals a 1-0 lead.

For Couture it marked his eighth tally of the campaign.

With four seconds remaining in the period, Classical struck back for a 1-1 tie and pumped some much needed life for their second period attack.

Classical quickly put their offense on high frequency, tallying twice in the first minute of period two. The Brownies had several opportunities to knife back but their shots were fired into the goalies pads or

stomach, resulting in easy saves.

Classical again drew more Brownie blood on an early third period power play that propelled them to a commanding 4-1 lead.

Agawam began regaining some of their lost composure when senior wingman Pat Sullivan made a brilliant one-handed feed to junior Paul Kovalsky who fired the puck into the mesh.

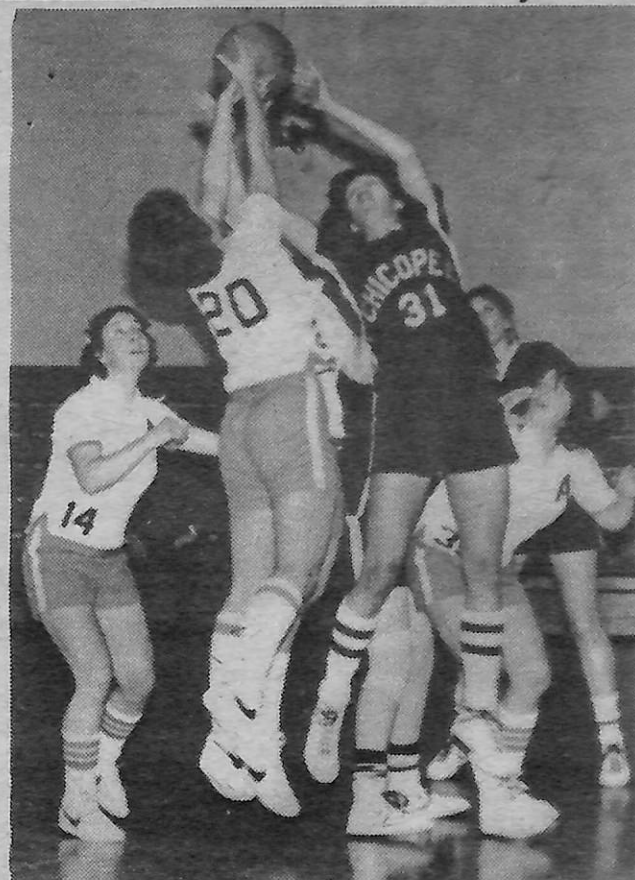
Minutes later, "Sluggo" Masi in another of his familiar picturesque set-ups shoveled a pass to sophomore Bobby Eggleston in the slot.

Eggleston knocked the pass home and all of a sudden Agawam was back, 4-3.

With 5:49 remaining Classical's Dave Tremblay again put the Brownies into a hole with his second goal of the game and a 5-3 Classical edge.

That's when the last minute heroics of the Brownies and some gritty intestinal fortitude payed off. Shea's penalty shot after a Classical defender had illegally covered the puck during a wild scramble in the Bulldog crease drew Agawam8to 5-4 and then Masi's dramatic lamp-lighter gave the locals their miraculous fifth and tying goal.

An obviously relieved coach Bill Sapelli complimented the defense despite the five-goal outlay by Classical. He said, "Even though they scored five goals, I thought the defense played super. Defensiveman Steve Moreau was credited as the "unsung hero" by Sapelli. Moreau had three assists while turning in a solid all-around performance.



Although the Brownies failed against Chicopee last week, the locals got back on the winning track with a convincing 53-37 victory over the Terriers Tuesday afternoon. The girls now sport a 9-3 mark. Photo by Jack Devine.

Girls Hoop Stop Terriers, 53-37

By Debi Guidi

After a 53-37 loss to Classical last Friday, the Agawam girls varsity basketball blew away West Springfield, 54-39 Tuesday afternoon.

The Brownies dominated the scoreboard from the outset, and by the end of the first quarter, West Side was down 16-10. Agawam padded the margin during the second stanza as West Side was unable to penetrate Agawam's defense and failed to generate any semblance of an offense.

The locals led at intermission, 33-18.

The Terriers managed to pick up a few points during the third session, but the Brownies countered with more of their own to leave West Side trailing by 43-31 after three station breaks.

By the fourth period West Side didn't have a prayer. The Brownies poured on the offense and by the final buzzer had a comfortable 15-point victory.

Agawam coach Karen Fitzgerald was pleased with her team's performance.

"This was one of our best games, and we scored more points than we have in a long time. We played well offensively and controlled the tempo of the game," she commented.

Debbie Cheetham was the top scorer for Agawam with 21 points, while steady Shari Baldarelli netted 15. Lynn Mogan also played well offensively for the locals who now sport a 9-3 record after reeling off their first seven contests.

Mrs. Fitzgerald was also impressed with the Agawam turnover and rebounding statistics for the game, noting that there were only 3 bad passes as opposed to the 12 they threw away against Classical.

"We kept the number of turnovers way down, and that too was an improvement. We outrebounded them both offensively and defensively, and we just controlled the game," said Mrs. Fitzgerald.

The varsity will travel to Amherst Friday and will tip-off next Tuesday in a 4:30 home contest.



MYRA VAN HOOSE is really looking ahead. The Lexington, Ky., golfer was the LPGA's Rookie of the Year in 1980. But Van Hoose, 25, admits: "I made some rookie mistakes." Now she's ready to do things right in 1981.

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Hockey Parents Fundraisers

The first fundraiser scheduled by the Agawam High School Hockey Parents Association will be a Hershey candy bar sale to be conducted over the weekend of January 31st and February 1st. Both varsity and junior varsity team members will be covering the town to seek residents' support.

A bake sale will be held at the Agawam Food Mart on Saturday, February 14th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Any hockey supporter who would like to donate baked goods can bring them to the Food Mart on the day of the sale.

The final fundraiser will be a Pancake Breakfast to be held on Sunday, March 1st at the Middle School cafeteria between the hours of 8 a.m. to noon. Tickets will be \$1.50 per person and will be available from any hockey player or at the door. The Agawam Lions will assist in this event.

A truck will be present at this event for any old newspapers which may be donated.

Each of the thirteen graduating seniors on the teams will receive a scholarship for \$125.

The hockey banquet will be held on March 22 at the West Springfield-Agawam Lodge of Elks on Morgan Road in West Springfield. This event is also open to the public.

AAA Statistics

8-10 GIRLS

Lions Club	3-0
Elks No. 2174	2-1
Graphic Printing	1-2
Russo Construction	0-3

11-13 GIRLS

Liquori Bros.	3-0
W. S. Fish & Game	2-1
E-Con-O Sales	1-2
Gino's Package	0-3

8-10 BOYS

Laf Mor Amusements	3-0
St. Theresa's	2-1
Abbott Tax	2-1
Lunden Construction	2-1
Elks No. 2174	2-1
Chriscola Farms	1-2
Christy Plumbing	1-2
Pioneer Valley Auto Parts	1-2
St. Anthony	1-2
Curran Jones	0-3

10-12 BOYS

Agawam Custodians	3-0
Butcher's Corner	3-0
F. H. Hardware	2-1
McCarthy Tile	1-2
WestBank	0-3
Suburban Realty	0-3

13-15 BOYS

Polish Club	3-0
Associated Air Freight	2-1
DePalma's	1-2
Village Lounge	1-2
Lions Club	1-2
Village Package	1-2



Agawam-West Springfield Lodge of Elks officials presented the traditional wrestling trophy awarded to the winner of the meet between the two rival schools to this year's victors, West Springfield High. Youth Coordinator Gerald Mason, left, congratulates WestSide coach Leon Davilla, team members Steven Siameri, Bruce Chelkonas, and Bob Reyome, as Elks Exalted Ruler John LaFleur, right, also extends his best wishes. Photo by Jack Devine.

Matmen Optimistic Despite W.S. Loss

By Steve Berard

Little by little, an injury riddled Agawam varsity wrestling team is being strengthened with the return of a now healthy and rested group of talented grapplers.

Despite their one-point loss to rival West Springfield Saturday, JV coach Gerry Mason remains optimistic.

"The amount of injuries we've had this year is incredible," he said. Mason has seen many of his players move up and perform well as replacements in varsity competition.

"Arty Chase, Kevin Bradway, and Dave Duclos have been doing a super job filling in," he said.

With an unattractive 3 wins and 6 losses, the varsity force, under the direction of Phil Tomkiel, are hopeful they will finish the season with a bang.

Captain Steve Tetreault and fellow seniors Tom Kirk and Jeff Duclos are back from the hospital wards

and again in their respective weight classes which bolsters the squad's outlook for the upcoming Western Mass. competition.

Returning letterman, senior Jimmy "The Hulk" Olko, who has been sidelined with a fractured ankle, is battling back and hopes to return to mat action by the tournament. (Originally it was thought Olko would be out for the season).

Agawam's three varsity standouts, who have been holding the squad together during some troubled times include Dario Mercadante, Troy Labreque, and Craig McCarl. The senior trio are virtually the only seniors who have avoided injuries.

"We're looking forward to tournament time when hopefully our guys will be healthy," said Mason.

Western Mass competition begins February 21 and 22 and the matmen are keeping their fingers crossed that the disturbing rash of injuries has ended.

AAA HIGHLIGHTS

8-10 GIRLS

A great defensive game for the Lions was played by Susan Fassnacht and Allison Murphy to aid in their team's defeat of the Elks. Donna Stone sunk the winning basket with one minute left in the game. Pamela Nolan and Linda Herbert also contributed.

Outstanding players for the Elks were Tonya Mercadante, Lisa Connor, Leigh Whittaker, Maureen Hersey, and Donna Grasso.

Graphic Printing notched its first victory with an 11-9 victory over Russo.

11-13 GIRLS

West Springfield Fish & Game won an exciting game against Gino's 11-10. Cathy Landry, Maria Lucia, Patricia Landry, and Leslie Fogg played well for the winners.

Good effort for Gino's came from Frances Depka, Lisa Frechette, Cari Brown, and Melissa Copple.

8-10 BOYS

St. Theresa's put in an all-out effort in successfully knocking Lunden Construction from the ranks of the undefeated with their 30-14 victory. According to Coaches Roger Brown and Ralph Myers, it was their team's best effort so far this season.

From the opening jump, St. Theresa's took control of the game. Standouts on both offense and defense were Chris Ollari, Paul Poole, and Ricky Brown, along with the invaluable aid of Jimmy Pirro and Dave Laudato. Much valuable experience was gained by the new 8-year-old members of the team.

Playing well for Lunden were Jim Dion, Marc and Eric Early, and Joe Kosinski. This team played hard, but just couldn't seem to get the ball down court that day.

10-12 BOYS

McCarthy Tile came on strong in the fourth quarter to overcome a stubborn WestBank five 22-19. The main reason for the Tilemen's comeback was the outstanding rebounding and scoring of Paul Scoville. Also chipping in offensively were Leo Santinello and Mickey Lunden. Leading the defense were Tony Buoniconti and Wayne Leal.

A fine effort for WestBank came from Jim Helton, Peter Saracino, Dave Andry and Bob Dupre.

13-15 BOYS

In a sudden death thriller, Associated Air Freight nipped DePalma's 49-48. Paul Chenevert scored the winning point in a game that proved to be the most exciting of the season thus far.

Associated Coach Mike Brouillard cites the play of P.J. Sheehan, John Pigeon, Carl Fancy, Wayne Osen-toski, and Mike Larouche for contributing to his team's total effort.

Pushing to the very end for DePalma's were Leo Chenevert, Tom Lockwood, Bob Eggleston, and Brian Connor. A tough loss for these boys.

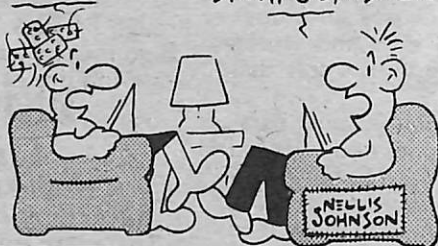
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Gymnastists Split In Tri-Meet

By Debi Guidi

Agawam High's girl's gymnastic squad fell to Monument Mountain, but beat Classical easily in last Wednesday night's tri-meet at Classical.

The Brownies ended in the middle of the pack with 70.6 points to Classical's 63.35 and Monument Mountain's 73.60.

After the floor exercises Monument Mountain lead slightly with 18.45 points to Agawam's 18.3 and Classical's 17.85. Agawam gymnasts Debbie Salbina and Jamie Suttle performed their first floor routines for the squad. Though their scores were not in the top four, in the vault Jamie Suttle recieved a 4.75, which was one of the top four there.

Agawam won at the vault with 25.3 points, led by the high scores of Sue Poirier and Patrice Ross. Poirier, who had "the best day overall" according to Coach Laurine Gregouli, received a 7.4 on her hand-spring vault. Ross was awarded a 7.05 in this second event, for which the Monument Mountain totaled 23.7 points and Classical 22.8.

Sue Poirier got a meet high 5.4 points on the beam. Newcomers Ellen Smith and Terry LaRocca both received scores which counted in the meet because they were in the top 4. They were awarded 3.25 and 3.20 respectively. Agawam totaled 15.6 points, Monument Mountain received 16.45, and Classical got 12.7.

On the uneven parrallel bars Agawam lost the most points, with just 11.4 to Monument Mountain's 15.0, but Classical received the lowest score of 10.0. Sue Poirier received a 4.2 for her routine, which pleased Coach Gregouli, saying "It was her best yet and one of our best so far as a team."

Senior Captain Carmella Marzano competed in three events for the first time this season after recovering from an abdominal injury. She received an impressive 6.1 on her vault and a 4.25 on her floor routine, and also performed on the bars Wednesday. The Brownies were without the help of Cindy Fontaine, who was out with the flu.

"I'm really pleased with the team so far. We hung in there Wednesday and did a really good job. If Cindy was there we could have taken Monument Mountain, as well," said Coach Gregouli.

Miss Gregouli is anticipating some tough competition coming up in the next week so so, when Agawam faces Longmeadow, West Springfield, and Minnechaug.

"They're the top three in the area. The rest of us are all in the 60-70 point range. A lot of the girls on those teams go to private gymnastics schools. Most of the girls on the Longmeadow team did, whereas I'm still building my team. Only two of our girls are going to private schools," Coach Gregouli commented.

The three top teams are capable of totalling over 100 points per meet.

Though she definitely won't make it for any of those upcoming meets, the injured Lori Witkowicz is anxious to come back. Coach Gregouli says she comes out to practice with the team every day, and works out a bit on the tumblings mat even with a soft cast on.

"If she does make it back, she'd only be doing bars. That's all she could do with her ankle, and even so there's a lot of strain on the dismount so I really don't think we'll be using her at this point. She's anxious to come back though," said the coach. The Brownies could definitely use her talent at the unevens, which Coach Gregouli still considers to be the squad's weakest event.

The Agawam gymnasts will go to Hampshire Regional next Saturday before hosting Minnechaug on February 2.

On Sports

BY JOHN DALTON

Experts on professional ice hockey usually calculate that a goaltender doesn't reach the prime of his career until about the age of 30.

One of the longtime theories in the sport is that goaltenders are a special breed — players who tend to peak at a relatively late age.

But wait. Take a glance around the National Hockey League.

This season began with quite a few big-time goalies age 25 or younger. Want examples? OK. Try Mike Liut of St. Louis; Don Edwards and Bob Sauve of the Buffalo Sabres; Jim Craig of Boston; Glen Hanlon of Vancouver; Pete Peeters of Philadelphia; Pat Riggin of Calgary; Don Beaupre of Minnesota; Greg Millen of Pittsburgh; and Markus Mattsson of Winnipeg.

And they haven't just been watching from the bench, either.

Twenty-four-year-old Liut, a product of Bowling Green University, led the NHL in wins last season with 32.

Twenty-five-year-olds Edwards and Sauve of the Sabres shared the Vezina Trophy last season with a combined goals-against average of 2.51.

Peeters, age 23, back-stopped the Flyers, meanwhile, to the Stanley Cup finals — in his rookie season. At one point, he put together a streak of 27 games without a loss (second-best for a goalie in NHL history).

Beaupre, 19, known as "The Kid" to his Minnesota teammates, was the youngest goalie to start this season in the NHL. He was the North Stars' second choice

(32nd overall) in the 1980 Entry Draft. And a real surprise.

But John Bower, a scout with the Toronto Maple Leafs, isn't surprised by the strong play of young goalies. At age 40, he shared the Vezina Trophy for 1964-65 with Terry Sawchuk. And he knows all about the old-style thinking.

Says Bower about the influx of young goalies: "The two main reasons are the specialized coaching, and the mask that all goalkeepers wear."

"In my day, there were no coaches in hockey who had any idea of how to play goal. So we had to learn on our own. Today, the young goaltenders receive instruction from fellows like myself, retired goaltenders who try and pass on knowledge that was gained over many years of playing."

"Also, the mask has attracted more youngsters to try and play in the nets because it's not as risky as the old days when people thought we were a little crazy to play without any protection."

Former NHL netminder Eddie Johnston, coach of the Pittsburgh Penguins, points to better training. And he says more kids want to play in the nets.

Johnston says: "I have to agree that there are more coaches who understand the goaltending aspect. But I also think that goaltending is something that kids want to do nowadays."

"In the past, the goaltender was the worst skater on the club and therefore ended up in the nets as punishment for being a poor skater."

"Today, the goaltender is as agile as the defensemen and an excellent skater as well. That helps him develop quicker because he's not always worried about keeping his balance."

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Little League Seeks Umpires

The Agawam Little League is in need of volunteer umpires. Soon the baseball season will be here. If you wish to donate time behind the plate on weekday evenings, please let us know.

All games are played at the field on School Street. Games start at 6:15 and end with darkness, Monday through Fridays.

If you wish to umpire, or need further information, please inquire at 789-0544.

YMCA Plans Trip Cross Country

The Springfield YMCA is planning a "Cross Country Adventure" trip for teenagers 14-17 years old. Trip dates are from July 6th through August 17th with preparations and planning beginning in February.

"An Adventure That Lasts A Lifetime" is the theme of the program with specific objectives of team building, development of positive self-images, and choosing healthy lifestyles.

Rena McGreevy, program director for the Springfield YMCA, and two qualified and certified staff will direct the cross country trip. The program will include camping and sightseeing to form a broad overview of life in the United States.

Registration is limited and the deadline to enroll is February 14th. For further information, contact the Springfield YMCA Youth Services, 275 Chestnut Street, 739-6951.

Sportsman Corner

By Bill Chiba



1980's top story appropriately involved the king of beasts. The animal world made quite a few headlines in 1980 around the world, according to the National Wildlife Federation's annual report.

Back to the king of beasts. Albert Sima and two friends returning from a pigeon race encountered a 200 pound lion outside a graveyard in Queens, a borough of New York City. When Sima, a 29-year-old meat distributor gingerly approached the big cat, it greeted him by rubbing its body against his legs. Then, when Sima opened a door of his pick-up truck, the lion hopped in.

Predictably, the police refused to believe Sima after he drove home and called to report his find. When, after several calls, the police finally came, the lion climbed onto the front seat of their patrol car for a ride to the Bronx Zoo.

The police never located Henry's owner, Henry being the name the police gave to the lion.

Considerably less friendly were the seagulls at Cambridge, Maryland, who apparently in protest against a parking lot in the midst of their habitat, bombarded the lot with oyster shells. Several car roofs were dented.

In another apparent protest, 4,000 dolphins massed around the Japanese island of Iki and forced fishing boats back into port. Observers speculated that the dolphins were angered by the fact that Iki fishermen had just netted and killed 200 of their number.

In Bangladesh, wildlife got the upper hand when nearly a thousand hissing, poisonous snakes took over a town diverting traffic and sending people scurrying for cover. The vipers' nest had been disturbed by a road repair crew.

Even cockroaches have their niche in our society and do their part for mankind. Convinced that cockroaches are also like people, a team of scientists at Emory University in Atlanta trained some roaches to run on a treadmill with weights attached to their legs. The purpose wasn't to lose weight, but to learn more about failure of the metabolic process in ailments such as muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis.

Nature was hard on wildlife as when the eruption of Mt. St. Helens in Washington State wiped out at least 1.5 million game birds and mammals and an estimated 11 million fish. So w/s man. Oil spills in Maryland killed 40,000 fish and a sewage discharge from a Virginia coal plant destroyed 43,000 more. Five million honey bees suffocated in the baggage compartment of a 727 jet on a flight from Arizona to Canada.

Gruesome stories concerning wildlife and humans came from Glacier National Park, where three people were clawed to death by grizzly bears. And the next brings shivers to my spine. During the war, a group of us sailors enjoyed several midnight swims off the beaches at Perth, Australia, where a 12-foot long saltwater crocodile killed a late night swimmer. From Dallas, where an 8-foot-long pet python escaped from its aquarium, it slithered into the crib of a sleeping 7-month-old baby girl and crushed her to death.

In a grim counterpoint to that story, an 18-month-old baby girl in Melbourne, Australia, killed venomous 8-inch snake by biting its head off.

The turkey drawing applications will be available by February 1st at all town clerk offices in Connecticut. All lottery applications for hunting deer will be available in March. One thousand permits will be issued for the spring turkey season.

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KOA attributes the huge influx of foreign campers to skyrocketing prices overseas and the decline of the United States dollar against foreign currencies. Accustomed to paying \$3.25 for a gallon of gas in Denmark, \$1.50 for a cup of coffee in Munich and \$65 for a pair of designer jeans in London, they find U.S. prices downright cheap.

They fly into gateway cities and rent motor homes from dealers near airports, or they bring their own tents and camping gear and rent cars.

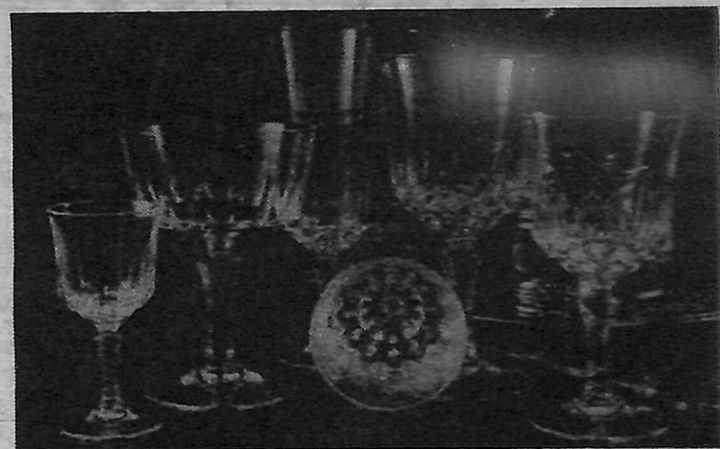
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